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Chancellor keeps tax rise as a Budget option

Clarke promises to go for growth

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ The Chancellor wants to shake off the Treasury straitjacket to make higher living standards a key aim of his economic policy

KENNETH Clarke last night gave his clearest signal that tax increases are an option for his November Budget as he made attacking soaring public borrowing a key objective of a more expansionist economic policy.

In his first strategy speech at the Mansion House, the Chancellor signalled an important shift in Treasury attitudes by suggesting that growth and backing British business, rather than controlling inflation, would be his main goals.

Mr Clarke set out three key policy aims: keeping inflation within 1 and 4 per cent; restoring public finances to better health and back towards balance over the medium term; and ensuring that the recovery was durable. He admitted it was a formidable undertaking to design policy to deliver all three, but said: "We cannot have a healthy economy without healthy public finances."

While promising not to squander his inheritance from Norman Lamont, Mr Clarke emphasised that low inflation could not be the sole end of economic policy, and he cheered Tories by declaring: "Growth, employment and a better standard of living are the ultimate goals to which every aspect of economic policy must contribute."

Boosted by a bigger than expected increase in manufacturing output, he went on to say that his aim was to be a chancellor under whom businessmen and their workforces were able to earn a better living. Commerce was a civilising influence, he said. "It is commerce alone which generates the prosperity which enables government to raise the living standards and hopes of all the British people. That is the key principle which will guide my hand."

But for the immediate future, he gave a cautious assessment of the country's economic prospects, saying the recovery was here, although the signs were mixed and sometimes muted. He was also careful to leave open the possibility of income tax increases as a way of cutting a projected £50 billion budget deficit. Mr Clarke said he had tax-cutting instincts, but he added: "No prudent Chancellor can ever regard taxation as something which can only ever be reduced."

In a further hint that tax rises will be considered, he defended the increases in the March Budget, including the imposition of value-added tax on fuel bills. The government had already announced measures to reduce the deficit by controlling spending and increasing revenue, "but if I judge that further action is necessary, I shall not hesitate to take it," he said.



One of Mr Clarke's closest colleagues said yesterday that if income tax were increased, he would be staying one of the Conservative party's most sacred cows, but it was an option that had to be faced. Yesterday, however, the Chancellor indicated that he would prefer to cut the deficit by keeping a tight rein on spending.

"The thriving growing competing economy I want to see depends crucially on our ability to reduce borrowing and restore sound public finances. No Conservative Chancellor can accept for long the need to borrow £1 billion a week to finance the deficit," he said, adding that the government could not rely on growth alone to balance the budget.

The government had set in train a series of fundamental reviews of spending. "We shall be taking a reforming look, not just at what the state does, but how it does it. We have a range of instruments at our disposal — privatisation, market testing, contracting out, internal markets, agencies, private finance, performance-related pay. In our pursuit of better value for money, we will consider them all."

Underlining his commitment to keeping down the cost of living, he said that inflation could be socially destructive, penalising people on fixed incomes, redistributing wealth arbitrarily and destroying the budgets of great public services.

Mr Clarke also flaunted his pro-European credentials and described as "mere delusion" the Euro-sceptic claim that Britain could have avoided painful medicine in recent years if it had been outside the exchange-rate mechanism. He repeated his recent suggestions, however, that it would be quite some time before Britain could rejoin.

Earlier, Mr Clarke had welcomed the backing given to the prime minister on Monday by Baroness Thatcher, saying: "I look forward to endorsement for John Major from wherever it comes. When Margaret was leader, she quite rightly put a very high value on the Conservative party's traditions of loyalty to the leader and pulling together. I am glad she is giving a lead of that kind again now. We have got to get behind John Major and we must really bring to an end the rather absurd faction fighting of the last month or two."

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Police face cover-up at Royal Ascot

A TRAFFIC policeman protecting himself from pollution as cars clogged the entrances to the Ascot racecourse yesterday. Royal Ascot opened with cloudless skies and a depleted royal presence after the Queen Mother withdrew from her second public engagement in two days (Nicholas Watt writes). Buckingham Palace played down the Queen Mother's absence and said there was "absolutely no cause for alarm". However, the royal procession was reduced to four coaches with the Prince of Wales recovering from a recurrence of his back problem and the Princess staying in London with her children.The Queen, in a pale-blue dress and white hat, rode with the Duke of Edinburgh in the first coach in the traditional procession from Windsor Great Park. The Princess Royal, who missed the procession, was initially refused entry on the other side of the course at the Sovereign's Gate by a gateman who did not recognise her in her sunglasses. The low royal turnout was a disappointment to some. Gertrude Shilling, who is well known for wearing her milliner son David's flamboyant hats, left her hospital bed for the day to attend. Sporting a multi-coloured hat of hand-woven straw adorned with fake vegetables, Mrs Shilling said: "I only come to see the Queen and Queen Mother." In the races, the Queen's horse Enharmonic, ridden by Frankie Dettori, came in sixth in a field of 11.

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Timex to close factory

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

TIMEX is to close its factory in Dundee at the end of the year after a bitter five-month industrial dispute, it was announced yesterday. The American electronics company accused its sacked employees and the trade unions of doing "everything possible not to help us keep that plant going".

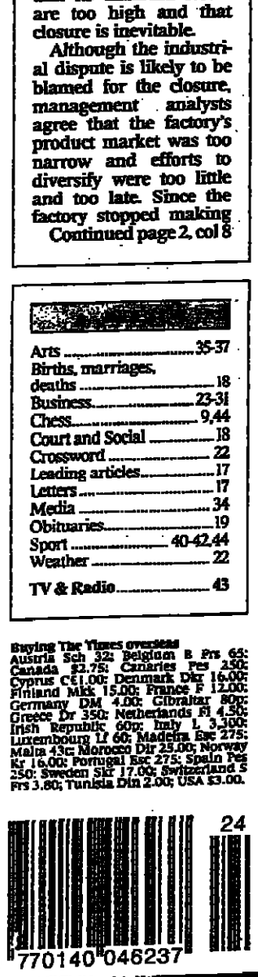
The unions denied the claim and are expected to maintain efforts to keep the plant open, but their leaders accept privately that its financial losses are too high and that closure is inevitable.

Although the industrial dispute is likely to be blamed for the closure, management analysts agree that the factory's product market was too narrow and efforts to diversify were too little and too late. Since the factory stopped making

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A taste of things to come: the same ingredients, but a brand new recipe



*The Chancellor did not announce any new policies in his speech, **Anatole Kaletsky** writes, but there was a move back to common sense*

Get ready for the charisma-led recovery. That seemed to be Kenneth Clarke's main message yesterday. Mr Clarke did not announce a single new policy in his first major statement as Chancellor. Yet this speech was quite different in its optimistic spirit from any delivered by Norman Lamont.

Mr Clarke offered no new targets, no cuts in interest rates, and no hints on taxes or public spending ahead of the Budget. He did not even alter the formal objectives of economic management, sticking to the Treasury's time-honoured formula that the purpose of monetary policy is to reduce inflation and never admitting that interest rates, fiscal measures and exchange rates could be also used to sustain economic growth.

Yet pushing through the cracks of the Treasury orthodoxy were green shoots of new economic thinking. On inflation, for instance, the Chancellor declared: "Low inflation is necessary — absolutely necessary — but on its own it is not enough. Growth, employment and a better standard of living are the ultimate goals to which every aspect of economic policy must contribute." In a rational world such a statement might seem trite and uncontroversial, but in the Treasury any mention of growth and employment as a deliberate policy objective had long been taboo.

On taxes and spending, too, the speech marked a move back towards common sense. Mr Clarke naturally acknowledged the difficulty of bringing order back into Britain's public finances, adding that "no Conservative Chancellor could accept for long the need to borrow £1 billion a week". But he put this problem in perspective, instead of using it as a springboard for bloodcurdling threats of higher taxes and spending cuts. Even with a PSBR of £50 billion, Mr Clarke observed, he faced "a better combination of circumstances than perhaps any other finance minister in the EC".

As for the measures required to reduce public borrowing, the Chancellor did his best to calm the sado-masochistic fervour among Conservative backbenchers and many economic commentators. The recession did not account for the whole of the PSBR, he admitted and recovery alone would not be sufficient to balance the books.

But Norman Lamont had already announced big tax increases to take effect from next year. "If I judge that further action is necessary, I shall not hesitate to take it," said the new Chancellor. Significantly, he did not suggest that such further action actually *would* be required.

If Mr Clarke succeeds in sustaining the economic recovery and creating the prosperity that he has now made the Treasury's main objectives, *there should be no need for* further big rises in taxes or cuts in public spending. And he may succeed in his ambition of being remembered as the chancellor who raised the living standards and the hopes of the British people.

Champion racer Hunt found dead at home

BY LIN JENKINS

JAMES Hunt, the flamboyant former world motor racing champion and televison commentator, was yesterday found dead from a heart attack at his southwest London home.

Hunt, who was 45, won his place in the hearts of the British public with his world title in 1976 and continued to both woo and wound with his antics and abrasive comments, usually delivered as he commentated on grands prix with Murray Walker delivered in a disarming style.



Hunt: died of a heart attack at the age of 45

In recent years he had been beset by professional and personal difficulties, although he had lately given up both smoking and drinking.

Hunt, who had been divorced twice, was found dead at the home in Wimbledon he shared with Helen Dyson, 26, the muralist, by a friend.

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Clinton revives Bosnia air strike plan

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU
IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday raised the prospect of Western military intervention in Bosnia and a lifting of the arms embargo, and he said that Britain, France and Russia may eventually fall in line "if they want to get anything done over there".

During an impromptu news conference in the White House yesterday the president rejected criticisms of indecisiveness in his policy towards Bosnia, and highlighted the transatlantic divisions on this question in outspoken terms. He said that he still favoured the combination of air strikes and a lifting of the arms embargo as the most effective way to achieve a lasting ceasefire in Bosnia.

He added though that he would take military action "if UN peacekeepers were attacked in Bosnia, and obviously we're going to protect our own soldiers".

Mr Clinton told journalists: "The Europeans wouldn't go along with my proposed resolution. I still think they may be compelled to do that or something very near like it if they want to get anything done over there. It seems to me that the political situation has deteriorated since then."

"On Bosnia, I made the decision. The UN controls what happens in Bosnia. I cannot unilaterally lift the arms embargo. I didn't change my mind. Allies decided that they weren't prepared to go that far at this particular time."

He said the option of air strikes and a lifting of the arms embargo remained on the table if other efforts failed. "I still think that may be the only way we can get them to have a real meaningful ceasefire and a real meaningful peace agreement.

"And that option was never taken off the table. The British and French and the Russians never said to me flat out they would never go along. They said they thought they could do better. It seems to me that the political situation has deteriorated since then."

While he did not explicitly criticise the agreed policy of setting up "safe areas" for Bosnian Muslims, Mr Clinton did say: "We haven't solved the problems in Bosnia that have plagued everybody. I concede that."

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Statistics set the penguins flapping

Eight out of ten head teachers' cats prefer Opt-out. Or so education ministers claimed yesterday. Well, almost. It was an afternoon for the selective use of bizarre statistics. The Official Report might well be published as an examination question for Statistics A level: *"The following statistics do not mean quite what the politicians imply. Say why."*

Take Stephen Byers (Lab, Wallsend), who called a 24 per cent increase in the number of school classes over 40 "a disgrace". We agreed — until junior minister Eric Forth explained that we were talking of 220 classes out of 127,000 nationwide: 11 pupils per million.

Not that the twisting was all on Labour's side. One Tory poodle, wagging his little tail and wriggling his stomach hopefully on the carpet before secretary of state John Patten, congratulated his master on the fact that there had been a 20 per cent increase in "the number of university firsts" now being awarded. He thought the government should be proud of this. Had Labour been in power, he would have been chiding ministers for the evident drop in standards.

Mr Patten went on to boast that he and his ministerial colleagues had "visited 120 schools" for consultation so far. The fact that he had *not* visited 23,880 schools was omitted. Eight out of ten schools, he added, were choosing to opt out of local authority control. Eight out of ten striking teachers had dirty fingernails ... but I embroider.

I do not, however, invent the headless or legless pupils who constitute (if ministers are to be believed) the 0.4 of a person to be found in today's average class of 26.4 students. Who is this freak?

It may be Eric Forth, a junior minister whose aggressive neckties do not entirely allay the suspicion that there is nobody at home, *educationally* speaking. For protection in a Glasgow night club we could choose none other, for he is quick-witted and fearless. But a streetfighter. Perhaps he was made education minister as a joke? Forth has been given responsibility for those with learning difficulties. Yesterday he defended a policy of publishing the exam results of remedial pupils in league tables alongside the rest. Sometimes you wonder if you're dreaming.

The dream continued when a new minister, Robin Squire, rose to face the Liberals' Alan Beith. The two men look virtually identical — full faces, grey suits and white shirts, medium height, dark, receding hair, owlish spectacles, much courteous huffing and puffing. It was like mud-wrestling between two mild-mannered penguins. Luckily Beith wore a pink Alexandra Rose lapel. We should be obliged if he would wear this whenever they argue, so we can distinguish them. Their politics are indistinguishable except that the Conservative is somewhat more liberal than the Liberal.

Tony Lloyd, a Labour education spokesman, only added to the fantasy by accusing another junior minister (Tim Boswell) of "preening himself while burying his head firmly in the ground". *Alice Through the Looking Glass* images tumbling through my mind, I pinched myself. But it was no good. We were well and truly through the looking glass, as a *woman* politician — Labour's Ann Taylor — sneered from the Opposition front bench at plans to recruit more widely for primary school teachers. They would lead, she said, to "a *semi-trained mums'* army".

"Mums' army?" We may not be sexist, racist or baldist, it seems, but it's open season on mums. Mumism is politically correct.

Nadir's world is knocked down at London auction

SIMON WALKER



Off the map: one of a pair of George III celestial and terrestrial globes from the offices of Asil Nadir, the fugitive tycoon, which fetched £20,700 at auction by Phillips in London yesterday Furniture sold, page 10

Parents back test boycott inspectors tell Patten

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

THE teachers' boycott of tests has won widespread support from parents, school inspectors have told John Patten in a secret report.

The first official post-mortem on industrial action by the three main teaching unions details the impact of the boycott and the extent of opposition to government policy. The study, by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted), makes difficult reading for the education secretary and suggests he will be forced to abandon plans to publish the first league tables for primary schools based on tests for seven-year-olds.

The report appears to confirm union claims that a tiny minority of secondary schools managed to implement the most controversial tests, for 14-year-olds, which finished in England yesterday. Mr Patten asked inspectors to collect information on the boycott in May as they compiled general reports. Their study was based on inspections of 49 schools scheduled to test seven or eleven-year-olds and 35 testing 14-year-olds.

Inspectors reported 31 out of 35 schools testing 14-year-olds supported the boycott. The situation in the other four was not clear. The report concluded: "Parents and governors appear from the evidence to be supportive of the teachers' action and share some of their concerns with the tests." The findings echo two polls commissioned by newspapers but contradict one ordered by the education department.

Inspectors said reasons given for the boycott were teachers' workload, the flawed nature of the tests and "exasperation with government education policies generally".

Ofsted found most schools conducted the tests for seven-year-olds, which largely predated the action, with its impact restricted to a small number of papers testing reading comprehension, spelling and grammar. In all cases, schools said although they would pass the results to parents they would not give them to local authorities. That would deliver a blow to the first primary league tables that ministers intend to publish in January. The education department said Mr Patten was disappointed the tests were not implemented because pupils had worked towards them for three years.

☐ The disclosure of plans to scrap most minimum standards for school buildings left Mr Patten at the centre of another storm (John O'Leary writes). A leaked letter from Mr Patten suggested that the growing bill for school repairs was forcing the government to abandon regulations that have been in force since 1981.

☐ One in seven young adults cannot read and write to the standard expected of a nine year old, according to an Adult and Basic Skills Unit report.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rolls-Royce cars given tax bonus

Companies buying Rolls-Royces and other expensive executive cars have been given a tax bonus. Stephen Dorrell, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, announced ministers' acceptance of a Tory backbench move to impose an upper limit of £80,000 on the new price-based method of calculating tax on company cars, introduced by Norman Lamont in his last Budget.

Agreeing that it was necessary to protect Rolls-Royce, Mr Dorrell said: "We have the brand leader in the world luxury car market and it is not in our interest to damage our leading car producer."

Rig deal saves jobs

Almost 1,000 redundancies at an oil rig construction yard next to the ailing Swan Hunter shipyard on Tyneside have been averted with a £55 million order announced yesterday. AMEC Offshore said that the contract to build a large section of a North Sea platform for Philips Petroleum meant that plans to cut up to half its 1,500 workforce and reduce contract workers by 250 could now be shelved. The order is a boost for the Wallsend area of Tyneside.

Quinlivan charged

Nessan Quinlivan, 28, who escaped from Brixton prison in 1991, was charged with seven additional offences relating to incidents four years ago when he appeared before the Special Criminal Court in Dublin. He was remanded in custody until July 6. Mr Quinlivan already faced firearms charges connected with his arrest in co. Tipperary in April.

Tractor crushes peer

The fourth Baron Joicey, 68, the deputy lord lieutenant of Northumberland, has died in an accident on his estate at Etal, near Berwick-upon-Tweed. He was found on Monday evening crushed beneath an overturned mini-tractor which he was using to mow grass. He leaves his widow, Lady Joicey, and three children.

Missing boy plea

A High Court judge has asked the public to help in the search for a boy taken from nursery school by his mother. Chatchai Ivory, 3, is thought to be in the London area with Janya Ivory, 28. Mrs Ivory, who is Thai, disappeared on June 3 from her home in Brora, Sutherland, where she lived with her husband Michael.

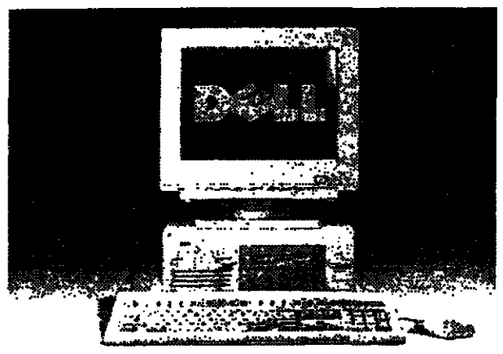
IRA informer arrested

Police were last night questioning Declan "Beano" Casey, the IRA informer, who was arrested yesterday in Strabane, co. Tyrone. His arrest comes after alleged newspaper confessions and a strong denial yesterday by Sir Hugh Annesley, RUC chief constable, that Casey had been free to kill while working for police intelligence.

Photographer freed

A Briton detained in Oman for three months after taking a photograph of a woman has been freed. Ian Bennett, 45, a commercial photographer, took a portrait shot of a 22-year-old woman which was denounced by her father after it was used on a poster. The man demanded compensation and Mr Bennett was barred from leaving.

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Thatcher's endorsement of Major surprises her backbench disciples

Baroness Thatcher's apparent endorsement has eased the pressure on John Major. But, asks ***Nicholas Wood****, for how long?*

AS THE overly suspicious Metternich said on the death of an ambassador: "I wonder what he meant by that." Yesterday, at Westminster, Conservative MPs were in a similarly quizzical mood as they pondered Baroness Thatcher's endorsement of John Major.

The former prime minister is known to have severe doubts about her successor, not only over Europe, so it was with some surprise that Conservative backbenchers awoke to find that five national newspapers and the BBC were trumpeting her support for the beleaguered Mr Major.

Lady Thatcher had enlisted the help of an intermediary, clearly a nimble operator since he was said to enjoy the confidence of both camps, to put across her message that this was no time for another game of "musical chairs".

Yesterday, most MPs accepted that she had eased the pressure on the prime minister by reining in the more fanatical of her right-wing disciples. But for how long? The picture was blurred by a report on ITN on Monday night suggesting that she was not prepared to give Mr Major a freehold on his job. Although this equivocation was retracted by ITN yesterday, in response to pressure from Lady Thatcher's office, the impression remained that she was playing a long game.

Highly placed sources only compounded the mystery, suggesting to *The Times* that Lady Thatcher had not intended to hit the headlines and that her intermediary had overplayed his hand. John Carlisle, the outspoken right-wing MP for Luton North, was one to detect a deeper motive, ignoring an exasperated Lord Archer's insistence that Lady Thatcher's remarks be taken at face value.

In Lord Archer's view, Lady Thatcher was offering no more than a cautious endorsement. "Lady Thatcher, like many of us, is still bothered about the prime minister's fixation on Europe, which is not popular in the country and ... in vast sections of the parliamentary party despite the votes over the Maastricht treaty. She is actually saying to the party, we don't want to shuffle the cards at this stage."

But at a later stage? Mr Carlisle, who gave Mr Major only until the end of the year to retrieve his position, said he believed that Lady Thatcher was seeking to shore up the prime minister temporarily as part of a wider move by the right to halt the seemingly unstoppable rise of Kenneth Clarke. "Possibly Mrs Thatcher is thinking of one of her favourite sons, which is Michael Portillo. He does want a bit more time to mature until he is ready to be a real challenger for the leadership of the party," he added.

A senior minister, no friend of Lady Thatcher, concurred: "I wouldn't quarrel with that," he said yesterday when asked whether the former prime minister wanted to buy time for the Treasury chief secretary, who is just 40, and head off Mr Clarke.

Other sources suggested there was real uncertainty over whether Lady Thatcher's dismay at Mr Major's performance was outweighed by her hostility to Mr Clarke.

Right-wing ministers and MPs were in broad agreement that it would be a disaster for them if Mr Major were to fall precipitately. Last November, when the prime minister's fate was nearly sealed in the paving vote on the Maastricht treaty, leading members of the 92 Group overrode their distaste for the treaty and swung to his side.

The Times has learned that private conversations last week at a meeting of the Thatcherite No Turning Back group of ministers and MPs concluded that they should "stick with" Mr Major for fear of getting Mr Clarke. Although many on the right feel betrayed by Mr Major, in the words of one MP, they are not prepared to abandon him yet.

The breezy Mr Clarke welcomed Lady Thatcher's intervention and neatly deflected questions about his role in the affair. "People's motives are immaterial," he told the *Today* programme on Radio 4.

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No 10 backs sick pay curbs

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE prime minister yesterday gave his full backing to a crackdown on invalidity benefit as part of the government's drive to curb public spending.

John Major told the Commons that it would be "irresponsible" not to look at the benefit that cost the government more than £6 billion, a fourfold increase in the past ten years.

Downing Street later made clear that existing claimants who were not too sick to work would be put on to the less generous unemployment benefit. Labour immediately accused the prime minister of "a Treasury raid on the long-term sick".

Mr Major told the Commons the number of people receiving invalidity benefit had more than doubled in the past decade to 1.5 million and was due to rise to 1.8 million next year. He said: "Frankly, it beggars belief that so many more people have suddenly become invalids, especially at a time when the health of the nation has improved."

His comments came after a meeting yesterday morning with Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, Peter Lilley, social security secretary, Michael Portillo, Treasury chief secretary, and Michael Forsyth, employment minister. The session, to discuss ways of trimming the £80 billion social security budget underlines the political sensitivity of benefit cuts that could trigger another backbench rebellion. It also follows a discussion between Mr Portillo and Mr Lilley last week when they agreed in principle to make the benefit "less generous", to target it more effectively on the long-term sick and to toughen medical tests.

A letter leaked to the Press Association last week showed that Mr Lilley was under pressure from the Treasury to make even tougher cutbacks and that ministers had discussed taxing and means testing the benefit.

Downing Street officials made clear yesterday that no decisions were taken at the meeting and further discussions would take place. They took the unusual step, however, of issuing a statement showing full support for a tough scrutiny.

Timex to shut Dundee plant

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watches in 1983 it has not fitted well into the international company's core business. It made printed circuits for one principal customer, IBM.

The sacked workforce will hold a mass meeting tomorrow over proposals for the conciliation service Acas to negotiate an orderly run-down of the factory.

The American parent company said yesterday that the plant had lost £10 million from 1987 to 1992. Union leaders believe it is facing additional losses of more than £2 million.

The closure will put out of work more than 200 people sacked 340 workers who went on strike over pay and benefits. Almost 10,000 are out of work in Dundee.

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Carnival of colour on opening day mixes sombre style with a dash of the daring



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Brimming with confidence: toned-down millinery complemented this year's more neutral colours, but the royal meeting has not lost its traditional taste for extravagant headgear

Ascot loses some of its royal presence

BY JOHN YOUNG

■ **Buckingham Palace says the Queen Mother's absence from racing's royal showpiece is no cause for alarm**

ROYAL Ascot was slightly less royal than usual yesterday when Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother pulled out of her second public appearance in two days and the Princess Royal was refused admission by a gatekeeper who failed to recognise her.

Buckingham Palace said there was "absolutely no cause for alarm" over the Queen Mother's health, but her last-minute decision surprised racegoers on a day which saw an unusually small turnout from the royal family. It was the first time in recent memory that the 93-year-old Queen Mother has missed the opening day.

A spokeswoman at her Clarence House office said: "There is nothing wrong with her at all. She has had a very busy weekend and she felt a little tired." A decision on whether she attends today is to be taken this morning.

The Queen, in a pale blue dress and jacket and a white hat, rode with the Duke of Edinburgh in the first coach at the head of the traditional procession up the course before the first race. The Prince and Princess of Wales were absent and the racecourse commentator observed that the procession was perhaps not quite what it once was, reduced to four coaches compared with seven in Queen Victoria's day.

Yesterday, as the band of the Grenadier Guards played the national anthem and applause rang out from the grandstand, four coaches were more than enough. The Princess Royal was another absentee from the procession because she had been refused admission to the course. Later she was seen walking towards the royal box in the company of Brig Andrew Parker Bowles.

The Princess had been barred from entering the course at the Sovereign's Gate by Eric Petheridge, a bowler-hatted gateman who failed to recognise her. She was wearing sunglasses and had no formal identification or entry badge when she arrived after a car park lunch with friends.

The princess was allowed in after a detective revealed her identity. Afterwards Mr Petheridge said: "Well, she was wearing dark glasses, wasn't she? I did not recognise her straight away. She took it very well. I am sure she understands that security is paramount." Apart from the depleted royal contingent, the words of the chorus from *My Fair Lady*, "Everyone who should be here is here... on the Ascot opening day" proved to be about right. Monday's black clouds and teeming rain gave way to a perfect June day with cloudless skies and brilliant sunshine.

Add to that the brilliant colours of the women's dresses, the eccentric hats, toppers and tails, uniforms and silks, and all the ingredients were there for the most extravagant festival of the English sporting summer.

The Queen's horse, Enharmonic, was a runner in the second race, the Prince of Wales's Stakes, and the Queen and the Duke visited the paddock. But in contrast to Derby Day two weeks ago, when the six-year-old chestnut presented her with a victory to mark the fortieth anniversary of her coronation, yesterday he was among the also-rans.

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Looking lucky: Cindy Lass in a horseshoe hat

Topper wins hat stakes by a head

BY IAIN R WEBB, FASHION EDITOR

THE mood at the first day of Ascot yesterday for the most part was carnival colourful and crazy. But there was also a strong showing for the new and more sombre colours now favoured by designers.

Many women chose to wear softer, neutral-coloured two-piece suits — featuring the new long-length skirt — far less structured than their predecessors. Longer-line split or wrap-front skirts looked cool as the day grew hotter. These were teamed with leaner-looking jackets, fitted in to the waist, falling loosely over the hips.

Equally toned-down millinery made a perfect match. Soft-brimmed straws were often banded in black, navy or cream. Of course, at Ascot there are always winners. Those who stood out among the milieu of attention-seekers and the seriously silly were Debbie Harris, who looked strikingly chic in a black Moschino hobble skirt suit, piped in black and white.

Her enormous black-and-white circular hat by Philip Treacey was balanced by her co-respondent shoes.

Alexandra Roberts showed how the season's "fit and flare" dress can look perfectly appropriate in such a traditional setting. Her white Jigsaw dress and over-sized asymmetric natural straw hat made an up-to-the-minute statement.

For the most part it was the older women who continued to wear shocking fuschia pinks and oranges, canary yellows and blazing reds, as brightly coloured as the jockeys' silks.

Mrs Shilling, whose hats designed by her son, David, always cause a stir, looked particularly bright in a whirlwind of multi-coloured organza net. The Queen took a more serene approach, standing out in a demure pale blue and white polka dot outfit, teamed with an understated white straw boater trimmed to match.

Few women took advantage of the rediscovered ruling that trouser suits were an acceptable style of dress. Those who did chose suitably elegant shapes in linen. Rachel Mayer wore half-mast Capri pants and fitted jacket, topped by a buff straw fruitbowl hat, thankfully without the fruit. But the outstanding winner was Suzanna Lorenz, in a man's black tailcoat and stove pipe trousers by Ralph Lauren, a gold tapestry waistcoat, ruffled shirt and a black top hat wrapped in netting, trimmed with a big silk bow, designed by her mother, the milliner Mitzi Lorenz.

Police warn London gay community of murderer

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND Yard yesterday warned London's homosexual community to be on guard after evidence that two murders were the work of one man and that other victims may not yet have been discovered.

Police believe the killer of Peter Walker, a theatre director and choreographer, also strangled Andrew Collier, 33, found last week at the old people's home in Hackney, east London, where he worked.

Both men were HIV-positive and are thought to have died after bringing a homosexual partner home. Mr Collier was last seen alive on June 6, returning to his flat with a man described as being in his forties, 5ft 6in to 5ft 8in tall, with dark hair.

The body of Mr Walker, 47, who was working on the hit musical *City of Angels*, was found naked on his bed at his home in Battersea in March. A man alerted police with an anonymous telephone call.

Yesterday Det Supt Albert Patrick, who is in charge of the Collier case, said: "I am extremely frightened that this man will strike again. There may well be other victims we don't yet know about, and heterosexuals may also be at risk.

"There are enough similarities in how Mr Collier and Mr Walker died to satisfy me we're hunting the same killer. Both victims were promiscuous professionals who were HIV-positive and drank in similar nightclubs. It is possible the killer has Aids and is taking revenge for his own HIV infection.

"I have a gut feeling the men were lured for sex and then things went badly wrong."

Mr Patrick added: "I am warning the homosexual community they could be at risk, but we cannot discount the possibility he will kill a heterosexual. If anyone in London decides to have sex with a stranger they should tell a friend where they're going. That applies to everybody.

"If anyone has been approached for casual sex and thinks they can help track down this killer, we would like to hear from them. Their call will be treated with total confidentiality."

Sugar says Spurs fans threatened his family

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE sacking of Terry Venables as chief executive of Tottenham Hotspur had brought violence and intimidation against Alan Sugar and his family, the Spurs chairman said yesterday.

"I have been threatened and spat upon," Mr Sugar said. "My house has been daubed and illiterates who cannot even spell my name have scratched on my car."

He told a press conference: "They frightened me and they frightened my family. They have called me every name under the sun. But I believe there is only a core of about two to three hundred people who might boycott the games. I don't take it seriously."

Mr Sugar also spoke bitterly of his relationship with Mr Venables. He said: "I cannot have any respect for a man who has caused me and my family so much grief and aggravation."

He said he would be seeking an order from the court for security of costs if Mr Venables proceeded with legal action which, he said, could cost him in excess of £800,000.

"We are being involved in lengthy litigation and what we want to make sure is that once we have wasted all our time and we have spent all our money, they will have enough to pay."

When it was suggested that, to oil the troubled waters, he might pay Mr Venables' court costs, Mr Sugar responded: "You must be joking. I am not in the mood to pay Mr Venables' court costs. He has brought this on himself."

Earlier, Mr Sugar admitted contempt of court following allegations that he tried to interfere with one of the witnesses in the High Court struggle for the control of the Premier League football club.

However, the judge accepted an unreserved apology from Mr Sugar, who on Monday won his battle to have Terry Venables sacked as chief executive.

Mr Sugar was alleged to have threatened Jonathan Crystal, a Tottenham director and friend of Mr Venables, that if he gave evidence in a form unacceptable to Mr Sugar "publication would be made of something which affects his professional career and would have adverse implications for his family and career."

Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor of the Supreme Court, said no penalty would be imposed on Mr Sugar, especially in view of what the judge termed the "disgraceful" behaviour of the Tottenham supporters outside the court during the three-day hearing.

He added that Mr Sugar had been "sufficiently scarred by their vilification, abuse and threatening behaviour for it to be inappropriate for me to take further action over Mr Sugar's own admitted contempt."

The judge said that Mr Sugar was "fortunate" the contempt move was not being proceeded with and afterwards Mr Sugar said: "It was a very polite judgment and a very deserved one, also."

Meanwhile, at White Hart Lane, Mr Venables' daughter Tracey followed her father out of the club. Miss Venables, who had worked as national membership secretary for 15 months, was originally sacked on May 15 but had been reinstated after her father won his court injunction.

She said yesterday: "I have been told to clear out my stuff and leave. I have been told I have no rights to return."



Tracey Venables: told to follow father

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Man beat mother's boy friend

A JURY cleared a widow's son of assault yesterday after being told that he beat a man with a wheel brace to defend his mother's honour.

Andrew Mason, 26, attacked the man, introduced to his mother by a dating agency, after discovering that he was married. Bury St Edmunds Crown Court was told. The beating left Peter Barnes, 52, covered in blood and needing 12 stitches.

The jury cleared Mason of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm after being asked by the judge not to be swayed by distaste for Mr Barnes's conduct or by "wholly understandable" sympathy for Mason's mother. Mason had admitted the lesser charge of unlawful wounding and will be sentenced at a later date.

The court was told that Mason, of Haverhill, Suffolk, decided to give Mr Barnes a "good old-fashioned beating" when he found out that he had a wife. It was claimed that Mr Barnes had told the New Horizons Dating Agency that he was divorced.

Peter Spinks, for the prosecution, said that Mason went to Mr Barnes's house in Haverill and smashed down the front door. Ann Barnes said that Mason pinned her husband against the kitchen worktops and began beating him. "I saw a hand come through the glass. I'll never forget it. This man came running in like something mad."

Umpires bowl out one-legged batsman

A VILLAGE cricketer who has one leg has been banned from having a stand-in to run between the wickets for him. Ian Harris, 22, had his right leg amputated after a farm accident in 1987 but within two years was back on the cricket field. With the aid of an artificial leg he snapped up four wickets in one of his first matches and also batted well.

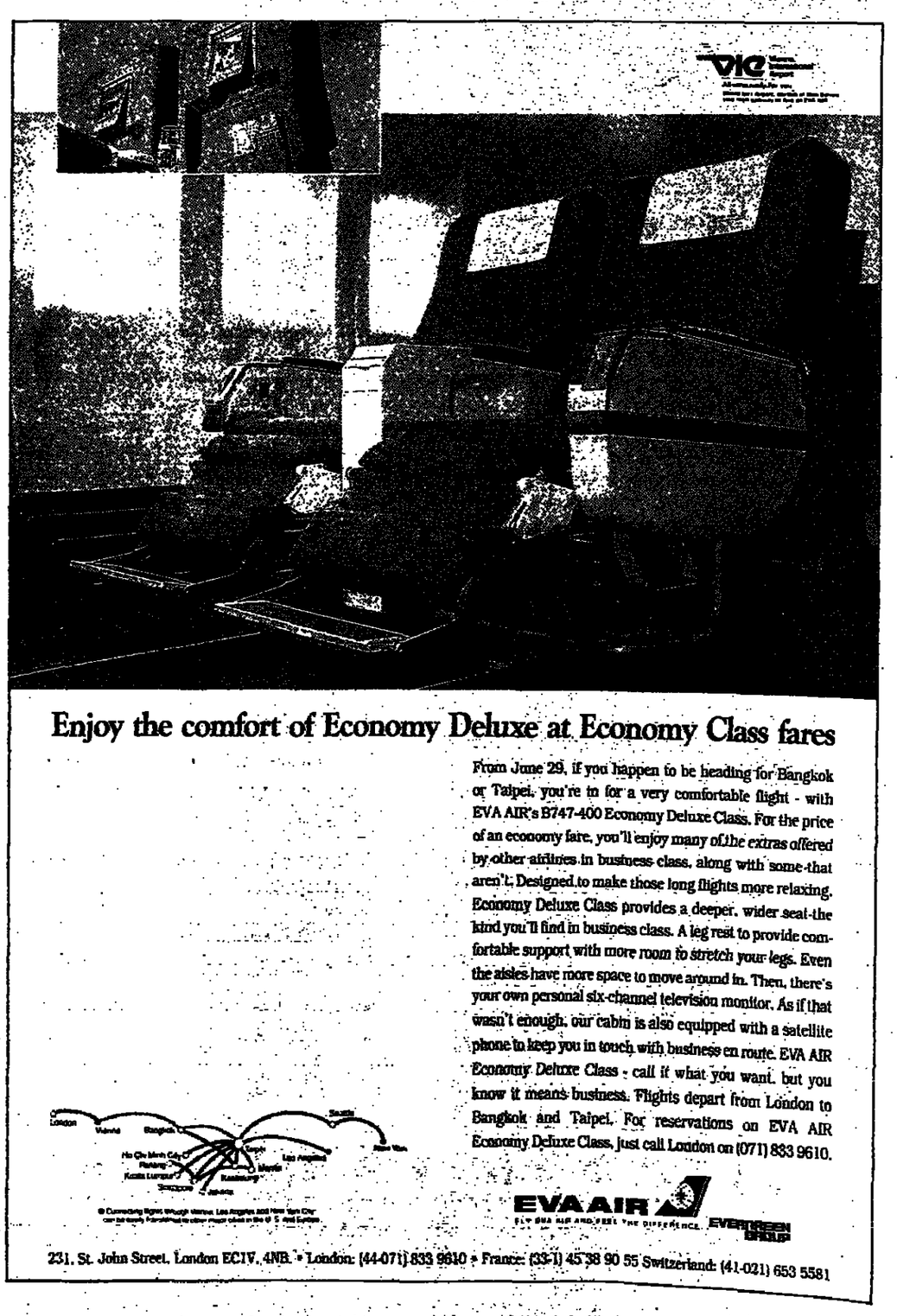
Umpires have now decided that he cannot have a runner when he goes out to bat because the rules say they can be used only if the batsman suffers illness or injury during a match.

Mr Harris, of Veryan, Cornwall, said yesterday: "Cricket is my life and I am very upset by this ruling, especially as there have been no complaints from other teams. When I am bowling it is easy for me to take four or five paces to the wicket and send the ball down, because I am a swing bowler and it is all done with the shoulder action. Fielding is not a problem either because I stay close to the bat. But when I am batting there is no way I can run so I have to have a runner." The performances by Mr Harris, a farm worker and club groundsman, have earned him promotion to Veryan 1st XI, who play in division two of the Peat Marwick Cornwall League. In one match last season he took six wickets for 26 in 19 overs.

The club's chairman, Phil Treguna, said: "At a time when lots of village cricket clubs are struggling to survive, we can ill-afford to lose someone of Ian's calibre."

Gerald Penberthy, chairman of Cornwall Umpires Association, said: "Umpires are custodians of the laws of cricket, which must be enforced consistently, no matter how unpopular that makes us. No one feels more sorry for Ian than I do. I hope he keeps playing and that we can solve this problem at the league's annual meeting by making a competition rule allowing him a runner.

"We had a similar problem in the late 1940s with a player who lost a leg in the war. He batted with a runner until another club objected and the rule had to be enforced. Sadly, this brought about his retirement."



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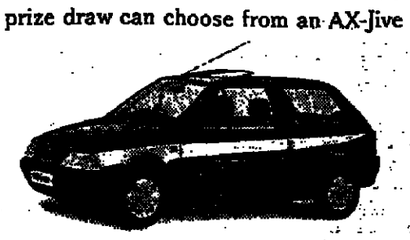
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Hunt, the champion who lived life at full throttle

BY LIN JENKINS

JAMES Hunt, the 1976 Formula One world champion who has died of a heart attack, made a fortune out of motor racing.

Although he lost his wealth after he retired, he remained both a champion and critic of the sport that gave him fame, encouraging the younger drivers and often criticising those at the top.

His money went in failed business ventures — a Marbella nightclub, property, and his racing centre in Milton Keynes. This year he was granted legal aid in his action against the solicitors who handled his second divorce; it was established that he had a disposable income of less than £6,800 a year and savings of less than £6,750.

However, he still lived in the £700,000 house in Wimbledon where he was found dead in bed yesterday morning by a friend with whom he had spent the previous evening chatting and playing snooker.

The man, a friend for many years who did not wish to be named, said that Hunt's family were "absolutely devastated" by his death at 45.

Many of his friends and former rivals in motor racing yesterday paid tribute to Hunt. Stirling Moss said: "I cannot believe James has died of a heart attack at a time when he seemed to be pulling through his troubles. He had stopped drinking and had also given up smoking. He was not the hard drinking, smoking James Hunt we all remember."

He said that during the 20 years of friendship he had enjoyed Hunt's educated insights into motor racing. "I am devastated he has gone. he was a wonderful funny guy."

Jackie Stewart, three times world champion, said Hunt developed a reputation as a fiery driver when he began and earned the nick-name "Hunt the shunt", but thrived on his raw talent. "One of the great things for me about him has been the way he lived his life his way. He was very unconventional in many respects. He refused to bow to tradition."

Nigel Mansell, the only Briton to win the world title since Hunt, said the news was a terrible shock. "He was a fantastic character and will be a great loss."

Murray Walker, to whose enthusiastic and vibrant style Hunt proved the perfect foil in television commentaries, was yesterday said by a BBC spokesman to be in a "state of shock".

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Winning ways: with arms full of track trophies



Winning days: at the wheel of the Marlboro McLaren with which he secured the 1976 world championship

Saudi prince gave envoy 'rocket' over arms deal leak

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A SAUDI prince involved in the arms trade gave the British ambassador in Riyadh "a rocket" after it was alleged that Saudi Arabia was being used to divert arms from Britain to Iraq, the Scott enquiry into the arms for Iraq affair was told yesterday.

Sir Stephen Egerton, former ambassador to Saudi Arabia and once assistant under secretary of the Middle East department at the Foreign Office, was giving evidence. He said he had no positive evidence of the Saudi connection in the arms deals and stressed Saudi Arabia was an honourable country.

The Saudi prince, whom Sir Stephen refused to name at the public hearing, was a "leading partner" in Aerotech Saudi, associated with Allivane, a British-based firm which allegedly sold 15,000 155mm artillery shells to Saudi Arabia in the late 1980s. The shells were subsequently reported to have been diverted to Iraq. At the time the British government had banned the sale of arms to Iraq.

Sir Stephen said that he knew nothing of the company or the prince's connection with it and sent an urgent telegram to London to seek further information.

Saudi Arabia and Jordan were on a list of countries suspected of diverting arms to Iraq during the Iran/Iraq war and afterwards. Sir Stephen said that while he was ambassador from 1986-9 he had seen intelligence reports disclosing that a military port north of Jeddah was being used to trans-ship heavy military equipment to Iraq.

Outsiders were prevented from visiting the area, he said, and he had no proof that British equipment had passed through. Sir Stephen admitted there had been suspicions about both Saudi Arabia and Jordan. In the case of Jordan it was known that the Iraqis had been successful in bribing and blackmailing Jordanian officers to supervise the diversion of arms.

In one case, 200 Sterling submachine guns were sold by a British arms dealer to Jordan but were also bound for Baghdad. The guns were uncovered by customs officers before they left Britain and Maj Reginald Dunk was subsequently charged in November 1985 and fined £20,000.

Yesterday's hearing, presided over by Lord Justice Scott, was told there was collusion between Customs, the Foreign Office and the embassies of Iraq and Jordan to prevent the appearance in court of embassy officials. Lord Justice Scott said that as a lawyer he found such collusion "disgraceful". Sir Stephen referred to it as "a bad show".



Sir Stephen: ticked off by Saudi prince

Secret war papers to be made public

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

CLASSIFIED Foreign Office documents about some of the most sensitive episodes in both world wars, including behind-the-lines activities by the Special Operations Executive before D-Day, are expected to be made public under Whitehall's new policy of openness. They are among material held back when other papers were released under the 30-year rule.

Documents on Britain's reaction to the communist coup in Czechoslovakia in 1948, the revolution in China in 1949, the outbreak of the Korean war and the death of Stalin will be made available from later on this year, Foreign Office officials said yesterday. The initiative, which follows similar decisions by Russia and the United States, could lead to a wave of revisionism as historians re-examine the origins of the Cold War.

During a seminar highlighting changes in government records policy, Richard Bone, the head of the Foreign Office's library and records department, said that it had always been necessary to "strike a balance between withholding and disclosing information". That balance was now moving towards greater openness, he said. He insisted that the Foreign Office was "as liberal as any other Whitehall department" but conceded that some practices had begun to lack credibility, particularly the retention of information dating from the first world war.

Mr Bone said: "Contrary to what many people think or want to believe, the Foreign Office has withheld very few documents." However, the small number held back, either because they named individuals who could be compromised by disclosure or because they fell within the category of national security, had grown substantially over the years. By blacking out sensitive names, or by excising certain passages, much of this material can now be released.

Foreign Office officials are confident that it will be possible to release virtually all documents up to 1939 and to begin releasing material dealing with the early years of the Cold War, along with documents about the creation of Nato, the Western European Union and the Council of Europe. "These releases are unlikely to change the course of history, but they will fill in some of the gaps," Mr Bone said.

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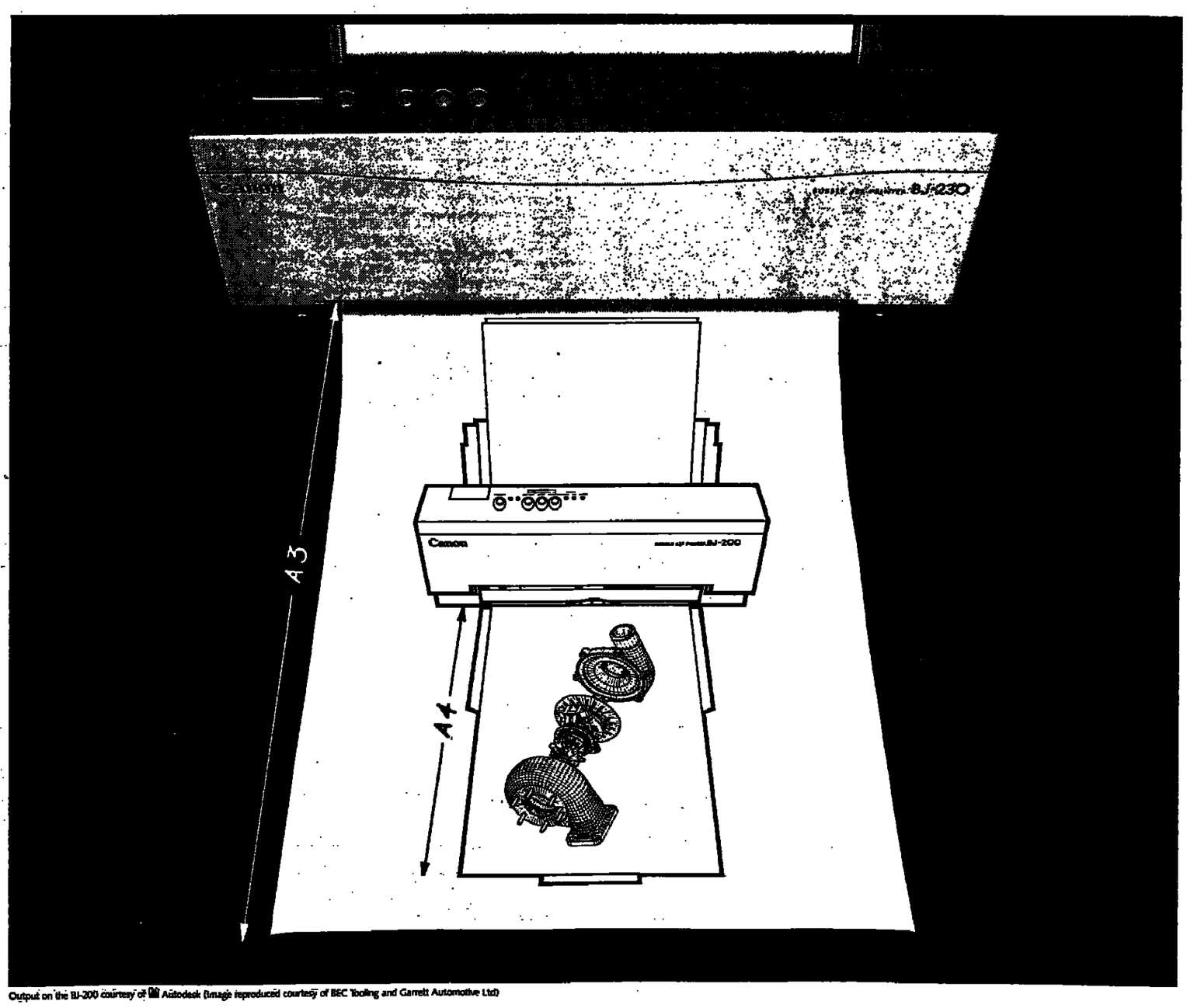
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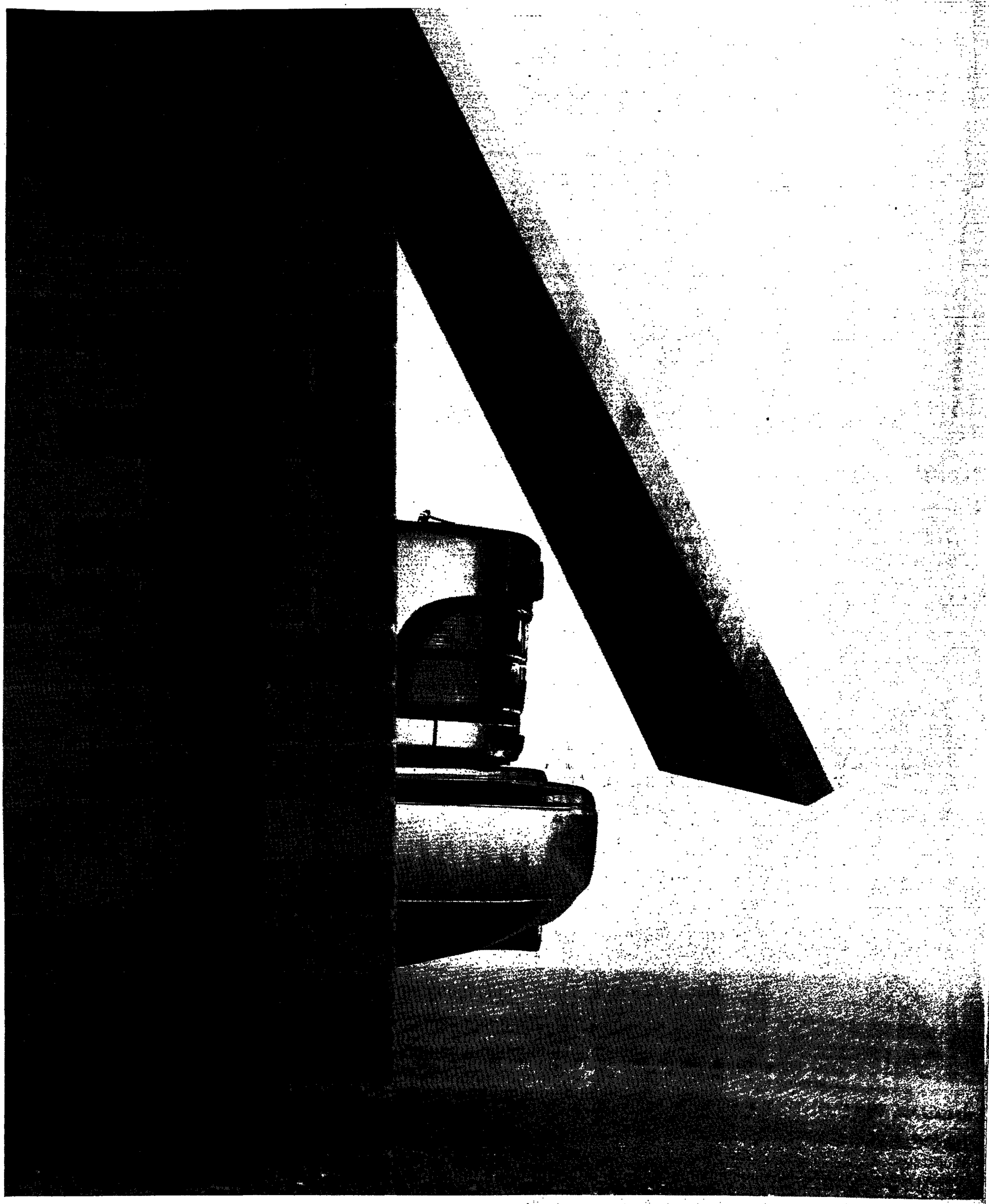
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Flood clear-up to take months

BY RONALD FAUX

UP TO 1,000 victims of the floods in North Wales will be unable to return home for several months and a further 1,500 will have to remain in emergency accommodation for two more weeks, local authority leaders said yesterday.

Five hundred council homes are severely damaged after five days of heavy rain in Llandudno, Llandudno Junction and Conwy. A number of old people's homes have also been damaged. "This disaster has hit the most vulnerable elements in our area," Alan Carr, chief executive of Aberconwy council, said yesterday.

Huw Thomas, chief executive of Gwynedd council, said that the relief operation would be expensive. Three thousand people had registered for help with housing, most of whom were unable to return home. They were staying with relatives or in hotels and guest houses. Fifty soldiers of the Staffordshire Regiment were helping in the clear-up operation yesterday.

The Duke of Edinburgh is to visit the devastated areas today. The news that he would go to Cardigan and Llandudno came as a surprise after an earlier statement from Buckingham Palace said that there were "no plans at present for a visit".

Before the news was announced, a feeling had grown in the flooded areas that their predicament was being ignored and many were hurt that no message of sympathy had been received from the royal family. Ian Turner, a councillor whose house was flooded in Llandudno, said: "There is hardship and distress and a royal visit would provide a boost."

After the Towyn disaster in 1990, the Prince and Princess of Wales visited within hours.

Minister backs vigilante appeal

BY RICHARD DUCE AND JOHN SHAW

■ The campaign to free two men jailed for kidnapping a suspected thief is gathering pace with calls for an early appeal hearing

A CABINET minister intervened yesterday in the campaign to free two vigilantes from a five-year jail sentence and called for an early appeal of their case.

John MacGregor, the transport secretary and MP for South Norfolk, wrote to the Lord Chancellor, Lord MacKay of Clashfern, calling for an appeal hearing as soon as possible for Duncan Bond and Mark Chapman.

The plight of the two men, who were jailed last week for kidnapping and terrorising a youth they were convinced was a thief, has touched a raw nerve across the country and particularly in Bond's home town of Harleston in Mr MacGregor's constituency. Their case highlights what is thought to be a growing public view that do-it-yourself justice is acceptable where the police are seen to be ineffective.

Politicians are unwilling to condone the actions of Bond and Chapman, but the people of Harleston appear to be united in their determination to fight the severity of the sentence passed at Norwich Crown Court last Wednesday. Hundreds packed a meeting on Monday, contributing almost £2,000 to the campaign to have the men freed.

Yesterday the campaigners found an unexpected ally in Alan Eastwood, chairman of the Police Federation, who said that the five years was too severe a penalty. "The public simply will not understand why Duncan Bond and Mark Chapman have received the kind of sentences which would be appropriate to impose on two violent thugs but all too rarely are," he said.

Bond's brother Jim said yesterday: "The support has been unbelievable. To get up to 800 people in a small town in Norfolk to turn up at a public meeting was incredible.

"My brother would never have seen himself as a vigilante. He is just a decent honest bloke who was trying to recover stolen property because the police were not doing anything about it."

Bond, 35, a builder and father of three, and Chapman, 29, an engineer of Horham, Suffolk, admitted kidnapping and threatening Gavin Last, 17. They bundled him into a van and told him they would douse him in petrol unless he provided information about stolen property. The court was told they were angry at police failure to tackle rising crime.

Academics are becoming increasingly alarmed at what appears to a growth in the number of cases of people taking the law into their own hands. Dr Ian McKenzie, who wants government funding for research into the reasons behind the emergence of the vigilante, said yesterday: "There is a public empathy in case likes this. Certainly in the United States there is now a strong feeling that you are entitled to take the law into your own hands when the law fails you. That may be becoming part of the British psyche."

The Chapman and Bond case joins a list of vigilante *cause célèbres*. In May last year Stephen Owen was cleared by a jury of firearms offences after he shot and wounded the lorry driver who killed his 12-year-old son in a hit-and-run accident. During the same month a group of citizens in Newborough, Anglesey, ran a boy aged 15 out of town after a series of burglaries and car thefts.

The Labour party says that the courts should not tolerate vigilante crime. Alun Michael, the shadow home affairs minister, said: "It is dangerous for people to take the law into their own hands and it is clearly necessary for the courts to make that clear. But it is for the government to remove the cause of the frustration."

DAVE BURGESS



Family misfortune: Duncan Bond's wife Glynne at home with her children

Race victim critically ill after beating by white youths

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A BLACK man was last night critically ill after being beaten with an iron bar in a racist attack on a Midlands council estate.

Clive Forbes was assaulted after running away from ten white men who shouted racist abuse as he walked home with his girl friend, who is eight months' pregnant.

He barricaded himself in his home and leapt 25ft from a balcony, breaking a leg, when two of the men smashed down the door. They caught him and beat and kicked him so severely that he suffered a blood clot on the brain.

The attack on Mr Forbes, 35, is the latest in a number of racial assaults that have fuelled demands by MPs and the Commission for Racial Equality to make racial violence a specific offence.

Mr Forbes, a capstan operator, is in Midland Centre for Neurosurgery in Smethwick, Birmingham, where his condition was described yesterday as serious but stable.

The attack happened on Sunday as he and his girl friend, Yvonne Davis, walked to the maisonette on Wyrley Birch estate in Erdington where they live with her daughter aged 11. The estate has a predominantly white population, with about 15 per cent of the families from the Afro-Caribbean community. There is high unemployment.

When the gang of men aged about 18 to 23 years began following them, Miss Davis told Mr Forbes to run to their flat because she felt that they would not attack a pregnant woman. He was trying to telephone the police when the two men started to batter down the door.

Police said they believed that the men came from the estate, although they said it was the first incident of its kind reported to them.

Last week the Commission for Racial Equality called for racially motivated violence to be made a specific offence and for an independent review of the Public Order Act on incitement to racial hatred.

Anti-Semitism rises by 9%

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

ANTI-SEMITISM has increased worldwide, including a 9 per cent growth in the UK, and has become "the common currency of politics" in a number of eastern European countries, according to a report published today.

The Institute of Jewish Affairs says it is particularly concerned by evidence of "holocaust denial" — individuals and publications that deny the Nazi massacre of millions of Jews — and the continuing anti-Semitism in countries such as Poland, which lost nearly all their Jews in the second world war.

Of 52 countries surveyed, 33 showed little change in anti-Semitism from 1991, when it reached its postwar peak. In nine countries, the problem had worsened markedly.

While the number of anti-Semitic incidents decreased in the US, France and Canada, there was a greater propensity for those who express anti-Semitic beliefs to put them into action. The report also gives warning of the growing danger of anti-Jewish propaganda from Islamic fundamentalists.

The London-based institute, which has monitored anti-Semitism throughout the world since 1941, will submit the 200-page report to the UN conference on human rights in Vienna this week. It has called for urgent action to counter anti-Semitism.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Practical joke ended in death

A teenager who liked to play practical jokes on his family in which he feigned death accidentally hanged himself, an inquest at Portsmouth, Hampshire, was told.

Tobie Brickwood's sister, aged 14, returned home at Fareham, Hampshire, on June 4 to find her 16-year-old brother hanging lifeless from a bannister.

The coroner, James Kenroy, said: "Tobie Brickwood had his own idea of humour. In all likelihood what he did was to perform one more in a series of pranks and this was to end in a terrible catastrophe." Verdict: accidental death.

Boys named

A judge at Cardiff Crown Court ordered that two schoolboys, Mark Hawkins, 14, and Bleddyn Harding, 15, of Barry, South Glamorgan, be named after beating and robbing a 79-year-old man in his bed. They were sent to a detention centre for five and six years.

Allitt appeal

The Royal College of Nursing is to apply for a judicial review of the decision by Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, not to hold a public inquiry into the Allitt case.

Tory MP to go

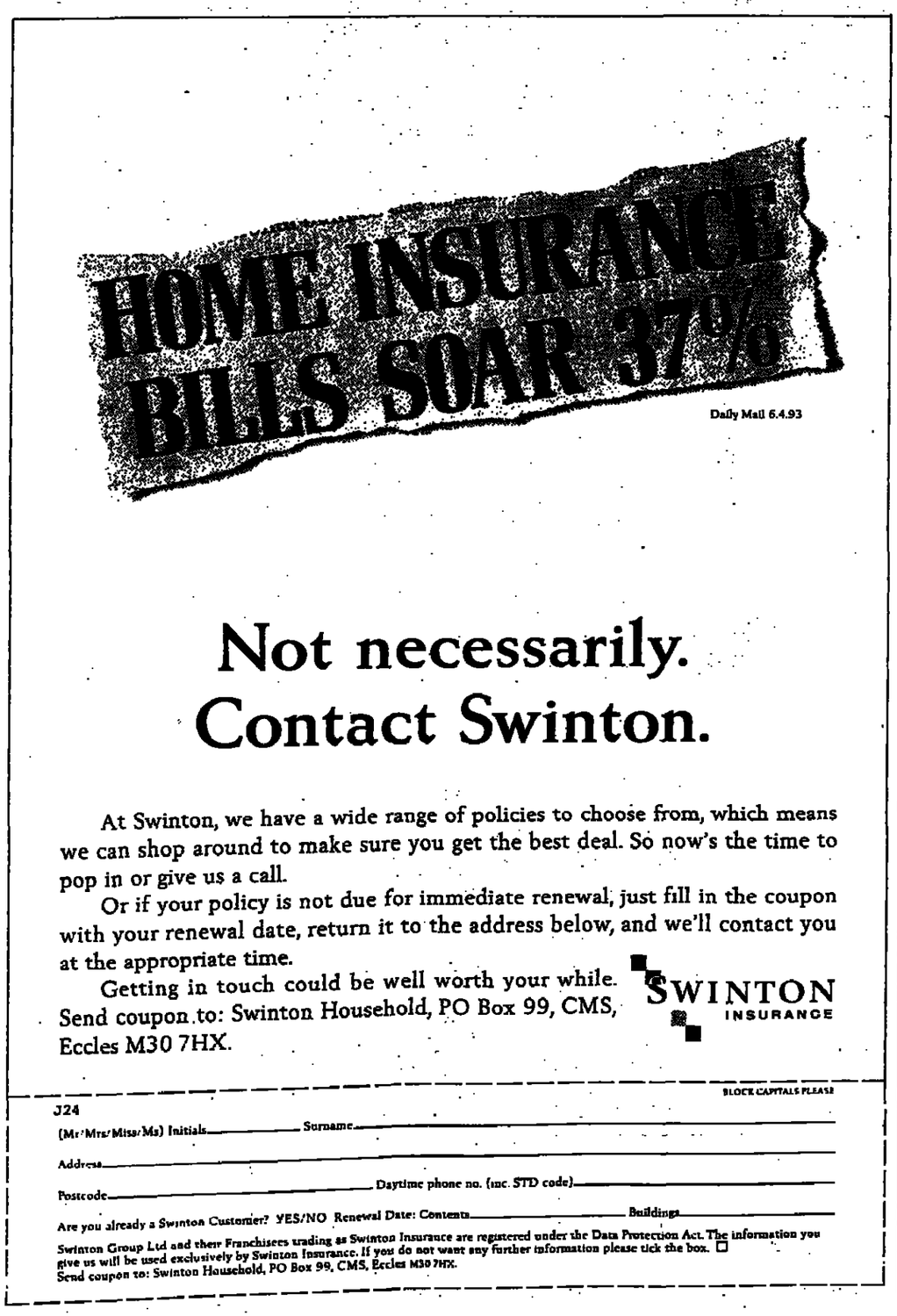
Sir John Hunt, Tory MP for Ravensbourne, is to stand down at the next general election, as his constituency is expected to be split up under Boundary Commission plans.

Nurse slashed

Police on Merseyside are hunting a knifeman who slashed a 26-year-old nurse across the face in a lift at Walton Hospital, Liverpool.

Parcel blast

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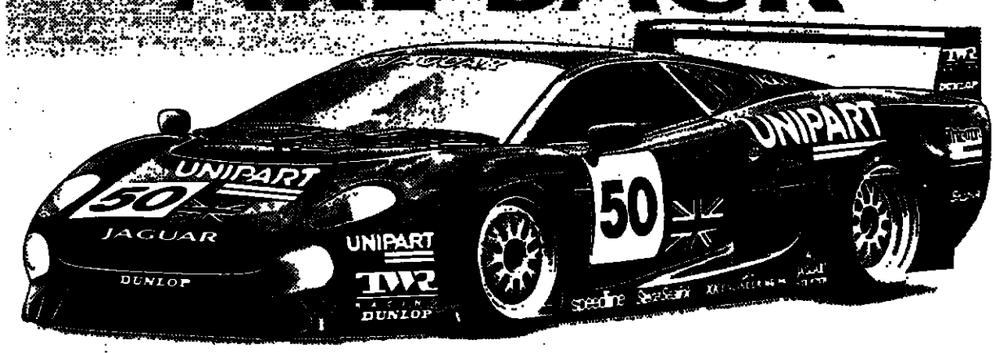
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Mother died 'after sect pressured her to refuse blood'

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A YOUNG mother died after Jehovah's Witnesses put "tremendous pressure" on her to refuse a blood transfusion, her doctor told an inquest yesterday. Susan Teeney ignored pleas from her family, who are not members of the sect, and died from complications nine days after she underwent surgery.

Christopher Record, her consultant at the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle upon Tyne, told the coroner: "What decisions were actually made by Susan and what were made by her elders was very difficult to ascertain. The hospital did all they could for her, but her advisers never once left the ward. I fully discussed the operation with her and I explained the dangers, but she just refused to take the blood.

"She was under tremendous pressure from the Jehovah's Witnesses and I could not say if she made the decision herself. Susan's sister and the elders never left the place and it was very difficult for her to make any other decision."

Mrs Teeney's mother, Christina Gates, said after the hearing: "I was always frightened in case she needed a blood transfusion, but I just thought she would change her mind. Those people just brainwashed her. They told her she would live for ever and she believed them."

Mrs Teeney, 27, from Newcastle, who had sons aged seven and eight, was admitted to hospital last October with severe stomach pains diagnosed as colitis. She was given a course of drugs but, after three weeks, her condition worsened and doctors told her she needed surgery. She had a 90 per cent chance of survival but without a transfusion this was cut to 50 per cent.

After the operation, when her condition became critical, elders of the sect agreed to let medical staff infuse her with blood proteins but still refused to sanction a full transfusion. Nine days after the operation, she died from peritonitis and severe anaemia, with a haemoglobin level less than a third of normal.

Mrs Teeney had been brought into the sect by her sister, Sharon Evans, in 1986 after their brother died in a hit-and-run accident. The inquest had been told that Mrs Evans told her sister in hospital that she would have to make a will. Mrs Gates told the coroner: "I went berserk and told her that she was not going to die."

John Teeney, 28, her former husband, said: "Because of them, two children have been left without a mother. I couldn't even begin to tell them how she died.

"Even when we were married, Sharon would come round showing her pamphlets and telling her how good it would be in paradise. Over the weeks and months she began to change and our marriage went downhill. She told me Jehovah came before me and the children."

Leonard Coyle, the Newcastle City coroner, recorded a verdict of death by natural causes.

A spokesman for the Jehovahs' Witnesses said afterwards that he found it hard to believe that members had influenced Mrs Teeney's decision. "The Bible repeatedly commands Christians not to take blood into their body. Some choose to ignore that law, where we choose to obey it. However, it would be wrong to try and persuade someone what decision to make in health matters — that is not how we operate."



Swift justice: two police fast-response inflatables, capable of 40 knots, will be on 24-hour stand-by on the Thames in London to deal with emergencies. Scotland Yard has just taken delivery of the boats, which cost £40,000 each and are manned by specially trained two-man crews

Theatre stars urge Brooke to save school drama

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

LEADING figures in the theatre, including Emma Thompson, Sir Anthony Hopkins and Sir Ian McKellen, are supporting a campaign to save education-through-drama in schools.

Theatre in Education (TIE) companies, which send actors into schools and encourage children to take part in plays, are facing closure in England and Wales because of cuts in local authority and Arts Council grants totalling about £1 million this year.

The support group, organised by the performing artists' union, Equity, has identified 23 companies sending actors into more than 5,000 schools, often in inner-city areas, whose work with children will be hit. Philip Hedley, director of the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, said TIE was the backbone of British theatre, providing children with an early feel for drama.

Ms Thompson said in a letter of support: "This is just a further cutting away of our commitment to the arts in this country and from the people who need them most." Lobbyists are calling on Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, and John Redwood, the Welsh secretary, to make up the lost funding immediately and to review provision of drama in schools. But the national heritage department said it was a matter for local authorities and the Arts Council, not the minister.

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Soldier was killed by sniper

BY RONALD FAUX

THE sniper who killed a soldier serving in Bosnia with the Cheshire regiment is unlikely to be identified, an inquest was told yesterday.

A verdict of unlawful killing was returned on L Cpl Wayne Edwards, 26, who was shot in the head as he drove a Warrior armoured personnel carrier in Gornji Vakuf as part of a two-vehicle detachment escorting an ambulance.

A statement from Lt Col Bob Stewart, commanding officer of the regiment, was read at the hearing in Wrexham, Clwyd, describing meetings with Croat and Muslim leaders: "I pointed out that [the sniper] was acting criminally according to us and them. Both sides expressed their regret and agreed; neither admitted that their side was responsible.

"We must do whatever we can to bring the murderer to justice although, realistically, I do not think he will ever be identified," the statement said.

☐ Four former soldiers who fought in Bosnia as mercenaries were jailed for between six and eight and a half years at Shrewsbury Crown Court. Robert Stevenson, 43, and Nigel Salmon, 29, both from Shrewsbury, appeared with Philip Lunn, 29, of Ketley, Telford, and Keith Hughes, 39, and Terence Morris, 29, both of Brookside, Telford. Morris had not been to Bosnia. They admitted offences including armed raids in Shropshire.

Solvents kill two a week

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

TEENAGERS who inhale lighter fuel and similar substances are dying at the rate of two a week, according to statistics that suggest glue sniffing has gone out of fashion.

Figures collected for the health department by St George's Hospital medical school, in east London, show that 122 young people died in 1991, making it one of the worst years on record, although not as bad as the peak year of 1990 when 155 died. Three quarters of the 1991 victims were under 18 and more than a third were sniffing for the first time.

Butane gas refills for cigarette lighters and aerosols accounted for two thirds of the deaths, whereas glue accounted for less than a sixth. Jennifer Taylor, research organiser at St George's public health department, said: "It looks as if abusers have moved away from glue."

Dr Taylor said parents could be misled by advice to watch for spots around the nose and mouth. "These only come from sniffing contact adhesives and it would be disastrous if parents thought their children were acting strangely but concluded they could not be sniffing because they didn't have spots."

The death rate from solvent abuse rose sharply during the late 1970s and early 1980s but has since levelled out.

Charity supporters fear rival appeal

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

SUPPORTERS of a planned centre for research into schizophrenia fear that their efforts may be thwarted by the launch today of a new charity, the Schizophrenia Research Appeal.

The organisationSane is three quarters of the way towards raising the £4 million needed to set up a research centre at Oxford, backed by the Prince of Wales, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, and a wealthy family of Greek shipowners.

The Mental Health Foundation today launches an appeal led by Sir Charles Powell and backed by a committee including Baroness Thatcher, Sir David Frost and Lord Rees-Mogg.

Both groups believe that schizophrenia, a disabling mental disease suffered by eight in every thousand people, is severely underfunded in Britain. Sane, whose chief executive is Marjorie Wallace, has been working "night and day" for the past two years to raise enough money to establish the Prince of Wales International Centre for Research into Schizophrenia and Depression.

A site has been found in Oxford, an architect chosen, and a scientific director-designate appointed. He is Dr Timothy Crow, head of the psychiatry division at the Medical Research Council's Clinical Research Centre. The establishment of the centre and the £3 million promised, however, depend on Sane being able to raise the remaining £1 million. If it fails, the other money will be lost.

Ms Wallace said: "We welcome any initiatives to help schizophrenics, but the timing is a little unfortunate. We're very concerned that there may not be enough money to support both appeals. If we lose our centre, it means the loss of £4 million. The Saudis will withdraw, and schizophrenia research will have lost the biggest chance it has ever had."

Sir Charles Powell and June McKerrow, Director of the Mental Health Foundation, think that her fears are unjustified. Ms McKerrow said: "There are several major charities in cancer, and they each increase awareness and help each other. We thought that the time was right for a really big thrust, and we believe our work and Sane's will be complementary."

Sir Charles said that if his appeal succeeded, the money would be used to fund research at universities and other institutions. "Sane's centre could be one of the beneficiaries," he said.

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Justice commission backs creation of a genetic database

DNA files to oust fingerprints

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

FILES detailing the genetic identity of criminals through their DNA structure could rapidly achieve the same importance in the criminal justice system as fingerprint evidence.

The Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, which is due to report early next month, is expected to recommend setting up a national DNA database for criminals convicted of offences ranging from murder to burglary. The suggestions are certain to win approval from police, who believe that DNA should be seen as a big part of criminal detection, but will raise controversy with civil liberties groups and some lawyers.

According to Whitehall sources, the commission's members unanimously supported greater use of DNA profiling as one of their 348 recommendations. They are likely to have been impressed by its value as scientific evidence free of the sort of arguments that can surround confessions, statements and witness evidence. The commission also supported greater use of other technology — including closed circuit television in town centres — to provide court evidence.

According to the sources, the commission argues for a broadening of the use of DNA and a loosening of the definition of intimate samples so that saliva would no longer be regarded as an intimate body sample that could be taken only with the consent of the suspect. Reclassifying it as non-intimate would allow police to take samples with the permission of a senior officer. Such a move is likely to be approached with caution. If the recommendation was followed, the saliva testing would probably require careful regulation.

Police would have the power to take non-intimate samples, such as hair, for serious offences even when the samples were not germane to the case. The definition of serious offences would be widened to include assault and burglary.

The royal commission also recommends that when an intimate or non-intimate sample is refused, a court should be able to draw an inference and could take the refusal of the defendant as corroboration of other evidence. Courts can currently comment on a refusal to give intimate samples in the top level of cases, such as rape.

The law would be changed to allow DNA records to be kept: Scotland Yard recently had to destroy 2,000 records. The commission suggests setting up an independent authority to maintain a national database that could operate like a national fingerprint collection.

The DNA details of suspects who were acquitted would be kept anonymously to provide data for judging the frequency that the same DNA profile could reappear. There has been dispute in the past year over the safety of evidence in court about profiling and estimates of the frequency with which the same profile could be repeated within the population.

The commission has also looked at anomalies in the use of DNA profiling. At the moment, the testing can be done only for a limited group of serious offences, which means that even if the defence wants to use DNA in minor offences, the profiling cannot be done. Now, the commission says that law should be amended.

The commission also recommends that dental records can be taken from a suspect with his agreement. Currently, there is no such power.

Split over right to silence

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

PROPOSALS to modify a defendant's right to remain silent have failed to win the unanimous backing of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, which is to report on July 6.

The report by the commission, which is headed by Lord Runciman of Doxford, will include a "note of dissent" by Michael Zander, law professor at the London School of Economics.

Professor Zander is believed to be taking a stand on principle against the commission's proposals, which would allow prosecution and judge to comment if the defendant refused to disclose his case at the point before trial when the prosecution revealed the case against him. At present, defendants are not obliged to disclose their case and this has given rise to features such as the "ambush" defence, in which the accused may spring a new line at a trial.

The former home secretary, Kenneth Clarke, and the Director of Public Prosecutions, Barbara Mills QC, believe the defence should be asked to disclose its case at the point when the prosecution does and that a refusal to do so should be open to comment by the trial judge.

The commission was set up 18 months ago with an agenda to tackle a crisis of confidence in the criminal justice system in the wake of a series of miscarriages of justice.

Among measures it is widely predicted to recommend are:

- ☐ An independent tribunal to sift alleged miscarriages of justice.
- ☐ A formal system of sentence discounts for guilty pleas (plea bargaining).
- ☐ The abolition of a defendant's right to elect jury trial.
- ☐ Tougher rules on the use of confession evidence.
- ☐ A new independent forensic science service.

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

HAVE you beaten a world champion? Victor Burger, who played in and organised the great London Tournament of 1927, has sent me the following game which he won against Alexander Alekhine, who was the world champion, in London in 1928.

The occasion was a match of four simultaneous games played by Alekhine at the Gambit Cafe, London, on June 8. The world champion won against W. Winter, E. T. Jesty and A. Fletcher and lost to Victor Burger. He also conducted two blindfold games, one of which he won against M. Damant and the other which he drew against C. Wreford Brown. I would like to hear from other *Times* readers who have lost to, drawn with, or beaten world champions, whether in one-to-one combat or in simultaneous displays. Send me your games for possible inclusion in *The Times* at Championship Chess, *The Times*, 1 Pennington St, London E1 9XN.

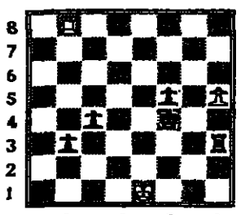
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London (Simultaneous display) 1928

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Minister announces first private toll M-way

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

JEERING, placard-waving protesters yesterday confronted Robert Key, the roads and traffic minister, when he announced plans for Britain's first privately-run toll motorway.

The 27-mile Birmingham Northern Relief Road will provide motorists with an alternative to the heavily congested Midlands section of the M6, from junction 4 at Coleshill to junction 11 at Laney Green.

It is a taste of the future for Britain's motorists, as John MacGregor, the transport secretary, is hoping to introduce charges for every motorway user. Mr Key described the scheme as "a bold innovation harnessing the entrepreneurial, financial and management skills of the private sector".

The transport department said the relief road was needed in Birmingham because the M6 now carried 130,000 vehicles a day and the figure could rise to more than 200,000 in 20 years. The £300m road will be built and run by Midland Expressway Ltd, a partnership between Trafalgar House and Iritecna, the Italian state-owned roadbuilder.

The plans will go on show at public exhibitions in the area and objections have to be notified by mid-September. Strong opposition is likely to make a costly planning enquiry inevitable.

Friends of the Earth, the environmental pressure group, claims that the motorway would cut through green-belt land and lead only to more congestion.

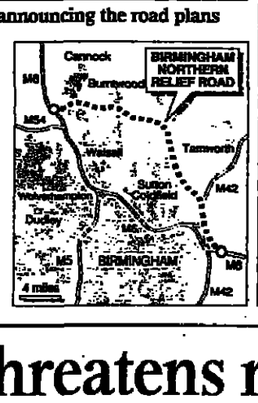
Dr Jack Stuard, a local doctor, said: "The pollution and noise in this area is appalling and another road is too ludicrous to be believable. We have the M6 and M42 two minutes down the road. It is utter madness."

But Mr Key, speaking at Coleshill civic centre, said: "This road will bring enormous benefits. We must look forward. At the moment the system is very clogged up and a relief road is a very positive response to that. We have to find the right way forward. This will be our first private-sector road and will be a trail-blazer."

The minister added: "If you have congestion and you allow it to build up uncontrollably, it will hamper economic recovery. What we want to see is this country gaining strength and a better road infrastructure can only help that purpose."

Mr MacGregor has said that unless motorway tolls are introduced Britain will face the prospect of every motorway becoming permanently as congested as the M25 on a Friday evening.

It appears that only a lack of technological innovation is preventing him from introducing a system. Although impressed by systems in Norway and Sweden, he believes none is sufficiently sophisticated for Britain's far more complex and crowded roads.



ASHLEY COOMBES



Route master: Robert Key is greeted by protesters before announcing the road plans

Short and Kasparov struck off world list

BY DANIEL JOHNSON

THE world chess governing body, Fide, yesterday struck Garry Kasparov, the world champion, and Nigel Short, his British challenger, off its official ratings list.

In the unprecedented move, Fide continued to show its disapproval of Kasparov and Short by turning them into "non-persons" as a penalty for their decision to play their 1993 world championship match outside the auspices of Fide.

The Kasparov-Short match will take place at the Savoy Hotel, central London, in September, sponsored by *The Times* and under the auspices of the Professional Chess Association.

According to the Fide list, the world's highest-rated player is Anatoly Karpov, whom Nigel Short defeated decisively last year in a 10-game match, and whom Kasparov defeated recently in a tournament at Linares, in southern Spain.

Karpov, rated 2760, is far below the record rating of 2805 that Kasparov would have maintained if he had not been debarred.

Karpov's challenger in the Fide world championship match, due to be played in The Netherlands and Oman, is the Dutchman Jan Timman, who is rated 2620, thirty-fourth on the list. The top-rated British player in the Fide list is Michael Adams, rated 2630, twenty-second on the list.

Short would have been rated 2665, placing him eighth, but he is much stronger in matches than in tournaments. In his recent match victories over Jon Speelman, Boris Gelfand, Karpov and Timman, Short averaged a rating of 2718, which would place him third on the Fide list after Karpov and the Indian grandmaster Viswanathan Anand, who is rated 2725.

Fide had threatened to strip Kasparov and Short of their ratings, which are important for their status as sportsmen, only if they went ahead with their match. Now the world body has decided not to wait until September before imposing the sanction.

Demand for herbal cures threatens research

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A GROWING demand for medicinal plants is threatening the supply of raw materials that could provide new treatments for life-threatening diseases, according to a report.

The yew tree is one of the more unlikely examples of a life-saving plant that may itself soon be in need of saving. In some areas, yews have been wiped out by an upsurge of pharmaceutical interest in natural chemical compounds.

Herbal medicines are the primary source of health care for 80 per cent of the world's population, mainly in developing countries. In China, 800 million people use 5,000 different types of plant medicinally.

Jorgen Thomsen, director of TRAFFIC International, which monitors trade in wild plants and animals for the World Wide Fund for Nature, said: "Consumption of medicinal plants in Europe has doubled in the past decade, yet the trade is remains almost entirely unregulated and little is known about its ecological impact. People in North America and Western Europe are also turning in greater numbers to herbal medicines."

Germany, the biggest importer of medicinal plants, exports £1.2 billion worth of finished herbal products a year, accounting for 70 per cent of the European market. In addition, big pharmaceutical companies are returning to nature, especially the tropical rain forests, in search of novel extracts from plants to use against Aids, cancer and other diseases.

Drugs made from natural substances are not new. About half the world's pharmaceutical compounds are estimated to be plant-based, but for most of the past two decades computer-driven drug synthesis has been the main route to the discovery of new medicines. Now the pendulum is swinging back.

There are about 250,000 species of flowering plants in the world and only 1,100 have been investigated thoroughly for their medicinal properties. Interest has been stimulated by the development of taxol, a compound derived from the bark of the Pacific yew tree, *Taxus brevifolia*, which grows in the remaining virgin forests of the northwest United States.

Tests suggest that taxol is effective against ovarian and breast cancers. Researchers looking for new supplies have switched their attention to another yew species, *Taxus baccata*, which is plentiful in the conifer forests in the Himalayan foothills of Nepal. Large areas have already been stripped of the tree, prompting the Indian government last month to ban the export of wild medicinal plants.

The fund's report says that there is an urgent need for more reliable and systematic gathering of statistics on the size of the wild plant trade. Although some countries cultivate medicinal plants, India and Pakistan still collect largely from the wild. Two thirds of the imports into Germany are from the wild.

Medicinal Plants and Plant Extracts: A review of their importation into Europe (TRAFFIC International, 219c Huntingdon Road, Cambridge, CB3 0DL; £7.50)

Why the big spenders should be forced to flaunt their political donations



Fowler: giving evidence to Commons committee

PETER RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Britain gets its politics on the cheap. The cost of elections is relatively low, by international standards and historically. Total expenditure in last year's general election, both nationally and locally, was much less than incurred last year just in the state of California by local candidates. And spending locally in Britain was a mere fraction in real, inflation-adjusted, terms of that in the inter-war years, let alone in the 19th century.

That rather deflates the headline allegations about contributions by Asil Nadir or Robert Maxwell, and the salvoes between the Tories and Labour about union paymasters or big business donors.

Spending in constituencies is limited by law; and while these are stretched a little by under-charging some expenses, there is no evidence that one party has a big advantage. At a national level, where there are no controls, the Tories' long-term edge in central spending has not prevented Labour from winning elections. And anyway, the gap has declined. Labour spent nearly as much as the Tories in the long run-up to the 1992 election and during the campaign.

But if money matters little in aggregate, do particular donations buy a privileged position? Both Tories and Labour routinely deny that either companies or unions gain influence by their donations, but this is not entirely convincing.

Donors at least gain access. Union leaders rub shoulders with Labour MPs, while the Tories run special clubs for big donors where they can talk to ministers. A word here and a word there and an issue can be raised in the ministerial ear.

And, as Labour points out, there is a striking correlation between companies which are big donors to the Tories and their chairmen receiving knighthoods. Stroking egos and distributing baubles to supporters may offend the purists, but is trivial stuff. It might be better to auction honours or link them to the national lottery.

The question is more whether financial contributions ensure special influence. As long the donors are publicly known, any relationships can be discussed. That applies to trade union payments and to contributions by publicly quoted companies. But there has been a sharp rise in unidentified donations by wealthy individuals, both British and foreign.

The home affairs committee of the Commons is examining these questions and will be hearing this afternoon from Sir Norman Fowler, the Tory chairman. Some MPs have been attracted by the American ban on political contributions by foreigners. However, controls on contributions and spending have many drawbacks, as Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, a prominent political scientist, highlighted in his evidence. Money tends to flow indirectly, or via lobbying activities by nominally non-party groups.

Restricting or banning contributions is objectionable since ordinary voters should be able to make donations in private. But above a certain level such contributions could have wider public implications. So, as in America, Australia and Canada, donations above a certain size — say £5,000 a year — should be disclosed.

There is no obvious case for *further* state funding beyond the "short" money for the work of opposition parties in the Commons and the large subsidies-in-kind of free post and television time for party broadcasts. Elsewhere in Europe there are tax reliefs and credits and matching grants, but the risk is that cash payments will make parties more dependent on the state. With membership of the three main parties down to little over 850,000, any changes should encourage them to increase their grassroots support and fund-raising. The parties should continue to compete for funds as they do for votes, but that requires openness to work fairly.

PETER RIDDELL

Conservatives admit secret £440,000 gifts from Nadir

BY SHEILA GUNN AND ANGELA MACKAY

THE Tory leadership finally admitted yesterday receiving £440,000 from Asil Nadir after John Major faced fresh clashes in the Commons over secret gifts to party funds.

The disclosures came as the fugitive businessman cocked a snook at the British legal system when an Old Bailey court was told that he was "most unlikely" to return to Britain to stand trial on theft charges in September. The Serious Fraud Office ruled out trying the former chairman of Polly Peck International in his absence. Anthony Scrivener, QC, said: "Mr Nadir accepts it is not appropriate to make a public statement and I simply say that it is most unlikely he will be here for trial."

No decision was made on whether he is to forfeit his £3.5 million in sureties.

Mr Major denied in the Commons that there was anything unlawful about the party's receipt of the donations. Later, party aides revealed that Mr Nadir gave a total of £440,000 in nine payments between 1985 and 1990, through his Polly Peck and Unipac companies, via the Conservative industrial fund. They conceded that the companies' accounts may have failed to disclose full details of the donations in contravention of the Companies Act.

The receivers had not asked Tory HQ to return the donations, an official said. "If it is proven that the money was stolen, we will of course return it," he added. He denied allegations that Mr Nadir's contributions totalled £1.5 million or that any were made personally by the businessman. Claims that Mr Nadir had hoped for a political honour were also refuted.

When Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, is questioned by the Commons home affairs committee today about secret donations, he will tell MPs that a more detailed balance sheet of the party's assets and liabilities will be published from this autumn. However, he will resist demands for full disclosure of large donations or a ban on foreign contributions.

Dame Jill Knight, a senior Tory committee MP, said she was worried about the influence of large donations on party leaders. "What you have to avoid is that certain politicians would be in the pockets of those who have donated huge sums." Mike Baker, chairman of the Charter Movement of Tory party activists, said the Nadir case backed up the movement's campaign for open accounting and elected officers.

The Labour research department released an analysis of Tory funds showing a sharp rise last year in the number of undisclosed donations. The organisation traced donations totalling £3,733,552 in companies' accounts before the 1992 general election compared with £5,536,268 in 1987. However, total donations rose to more than £19 million.

In Commons questions Mr Major refused John Smith's demands for a change in the law to force parties to disclose donations. The Labour leader said that full disclosure would prevent the "breaches of company law which occurred in the case of Mr Nadir, whose companies apparently made seven illegal donations amounting to £440,000 to the Conservative party".

Mr Major replied that under the Companies Act the requirement to declare company donations to parties fell upon company directors.

Robin Cook, the shadow trade secretary, said it would be very unfair to those who had lost millions of pounds in Mr Nadir's companies if he was allowed to escape prosecution. If necessary, the government should consider sanctions against northern Cyprus to try to force his extradition.

Tycoon's furniture sold

BY JOHN SHAW

ASIL Nadir's antique office furniture sold for £138,472 on behalf of the administrators at Phillips in London yesterday.

Some of the pieces came from his opulent office. A marine picture showing vessels off Constantinople by Vilhelm Karl Ferdinand Arnsen (1856-1948) more than doubled its estimate to go for £18,400. Another marine scene, by Jacob Jacobs (1812-1879), made the top price of £44,000.

A good William III cabinet stood beside Mr Nadir's desk. It contained the dealing screens he used to keep track of his financial empire. But all the shelves were taken out and holes drilled in the back to accommodate the wiring. Nevertheless it was bought by an Italian dealer for £18,400 against an estimate of £15,000-£20,000.

A set of Hepplewhite-style dining chairs which once surrounded the boardroom table went to an English private buyer for £20,700, and a pair of celestial and terrestrial globes went for the same price.

A 19th century brown and gold Chinese panel converted into a coffee table also sold over estimate for £2,990.



Protest as you earn: Peter Bottomley backs the workers over pay bargaining

Former minister opposes union bill

BY JONATHAN PRYNN AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

A FORMER employment minister yesterday condemned an "unjustifiable" government move to make it easier for employers to end collective pay deals with their workers. Peter Bottomley compared an 11th-hour amendment to the employment bill to the treatment of the Tolpuddle Martyrs, who were transported to Australia for attempting to form a trade union.

Under the amended legislation, an employer could change from collective to individual pay negotiation providing he could prove that the action was not aimed at reducing trade union rights. Paying workers to leave a trade union would remain unlawful although employers will be able to offer inducements to staff to leave collective bargaining arrangements.

Mr Bottomley supported Labour claims that the change would make it easier for employers to discriminate against workers who wanted to retain collective bargaining through their trade union. "If it gets through the House today I believe that it will be overturned in the same way that the exportation of the Tolpuddle Martyrs in 1834 was reversed three years later," Mr Bottomley said.

David Hunt, the employment secretary, insisted that the amended legislation clarified rather than changed the existing law. Two recent appeal court rulings had confused the current law allowing employers to choose whether to negotiate individually or colectively with employees. Mr Hunt said the Lords amendment to the trade union reform and employment rights bill would clarify the situation by distinguishing between bargaining arrangements and trade union membership. The original 1975 law, outlawing victimisation on grounds of union membership, had not been intended to cover issues of collective bargaining.

He denied that the government's plans to clarify the law were aimed at discouraging trade union membership. "They arise as a result of employers wanting to change the methods by which they negotiate their employees' pay."

Frank Dobson, the shadow employment secretary, described the amendment as "part and parcel of the government's move to derecognise trade unions". If the measure went through "all forms of bribery and coercion" from employers to persuade their staff to leave trade unions would be lawful, he said.

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Tories seek time to patch up differences before election

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

THE date for the Christchurch by-election has been pushed back to the end of July to allow the Conservative party time to patch up its differences.

Senior party figures had favoured July 8 or July 15 but the fatricidal battles being waged within the party in recent weeks appear to have ruled out an early poll. July 22 and July 29 are now the most likely dates.

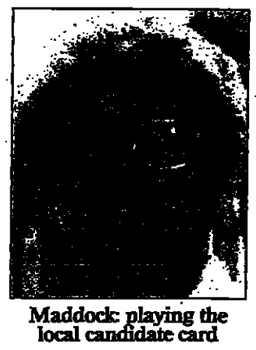
Postponing the by-election until September remains a possibility but this option is not favoured by local party campaigners, including the candidate, Rob Hayward. August is not being considered partly because of the sheer weight of holidaymakers then.

The by-election, caused by the death last month of Robert Adley, who held the seat at the general election with a majority of 23,000, is seen as a key test of John Major's leadership. Recent polls have shown a disastrous loss of support for the Tories with the Liberal Democrats set to claim the government's sixth safest seat.

The Conservatives and Liberal Democrats selected their candidates last week. The Liberal Democrats are already playing the "local candidate" card which was deployed to such effect in Newbury last month. Liberal Democrat campaign workers believe they have identified a crucial weak link in Mr Hayward's Bristol background.

Diana Maddock, the Liberal Democratic candidate, has lived in the area since she was 11 when her family moved to Lymington. She said yesterday that a truly local candidate would have a much better understanding of the problems facing the town. Mrs Maddock, a former teacher, now lives in Southampton where she is a city councillor.

Her claim to a special understanding of the constituency was disputed by Mr Hayward, who pointed out that Mr Adley, who was a very popular local MP, had also represented a Bristol seat before being elected in Christchurch. Mr Hayward said none of the candidates was regarded as truly local, adding that Mrs Maddock did not actually live within the boundaries of the seat. "People here don't even regard Bournemouth as local," he said. The two short-listed Labour applicants for the candidacy are from Wiltshire and Cornwall.



Maddock: playing the local candidate card

Mr Hayward, who plans to campaign on local issues, is abandoning traditional canvassing and walkabouts in favour of a series of "at-homes" at the houses of local party members.

He has a huge task ahead of him persuading the disillusioned and resentful electorate to stick with the government. Soundings taken by *The Times* on Monday suggest that swaths of traditional Tory votes are reconsidering their support because of issues such as VAT on fuel and possible cuts in free prescriptions. Mr Hayward has said that he supports measures considered necessary by the government to cut the £50 billion public spending deficit, but would look favourably at any alternative suggestions.

☐ 1992 general election result: R. J. Adley (C) 36,627; Rev D. Bussey (LD) 13,612; A Lloyd (Lab) 6,997; J. Barratt (NLP) 243; A. Wareham (CRA) 175. Con majority 23,015.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Trade union reform etc bill, Lords amendments. House of Commons Disqualification Act, schedule amendment.

Lords (2.30): Debates on changes in the countryside and design of coinage and banknotes.

Tebbit backs Euro-sceptic for party post

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LORD Tebbit yesterday condemned Conservative Central Office for its decision to override an internal ballot and bar an anti-Maastricht candidate from the leadership of its student wing.

The former party chairman said that Gerry Malone, a deputy party chairman, had been unable to give him clear reasons for denying Conor Burns the post of national director of Conservative Collegiate Forum.

Mr Burns won an "advisory ballot" of branch chairmen, but Mr Malone appointed his pro-European rival Tim Kevan of Cambridge University to the £9,000-a-year post at party headquarters. As *The Times* reported yesterday, nearly half the collegiate forum's national committee has resigned in protest at the move.

Lord Tebbit said that he had set up the advisory ballot procedure when he was party chairman. His hope had been that it would never be necessary to override its views.

Speaking at Southampton University, where Mr Burns is an undergraduate, Lord Tebbit said: "I share Mr Burns's view that at a time when it is clearly in the interests of the Conservative party that the ranks should be closed, and wounds should be healed, that the party should accept into its ranks those who hold views one way or the other on the great issue of Maastricht.

"It would have been of enormous advantage to the party if Central Office had chosen to take in somebody who holds the anti-Maastricht view and not merely have a uniformity of view in a monolithic party. But I hope, even now, that lesson will be learnt." Lord Tebbit said.

Central Office officials have defended the decision on the grounds that under the collegiate forum's constitution the ballot was consultative and not binding on Mr Malone.

Mr Burns, who brought the number of resignations from the 15-strong national committee to seven with his departure yesterday, said at the meeting: "We are told we are living in life after Maastricht. This seems to be nothing but a cruel joke. Central Office clearly believes that the only way to use the prime minister's olive branch is to beat Euro-sceptics over the head with it."

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United Nations credibility damaged as its actions in Africa and the Balkans provoke growing criticism

Italy seeks greater policy role in Somalia

FROM SAM KILEY IN MOGADISHU

FABD Fabbri, Italy's defence minister, yesterday described the killing of 20 Somalis by Pakistani UN peacekeeping troops at the weekend as a massacre and warned that the international body was in danger of losing credibility over its operations in Somalia.

Signor Fabbri's statement, while on a tour of the Somali capital, Mogadishu, yesterday, is the first public sign that some members of the UN are uncomfortable with the direction of policy there since peacekeeping forces launched attacks on the warlord General Muammad Farrah Aidid, at the weekend.

It is also certain to spark a diplomatic row at UN headquarters in New York where Pakistan pressed for a tough resolution on Somalia and punitive action against General Aidid whom it holds responsible for orchestrating the murder of 23 Pakistani peacekeepers on June 5.

Signor Fabbri said: "Sunday's massacre could not be allowed to pass without comment . in the opinion of Italy it is urgent that the necessary understanding of the people. We should have a larger role to play," he said after meeting Jonathan Howe, a former US admiral and national security council member.

General Aidid has been the subject of three nights of bombing raids by sophisticated American aircraft since Saturday. Yesterday morning the UN kept up pressure by launching up to 100 rounds of orange flares over one part of the capital as helicopter gunships swooped low over the warlord's compound and raked the streets with powerful searchlights.

UN officials are afraid that they are in danger of losing the propaganda war with General Aidid, who has been described by a US State Department official, Joseph Snyder, as a thug. Elsewhere in the city it was clear that the air strikes against the warlord had been popular.

Ali Mahdi Mohamed, another clan leader who UN military officials said had handed over all his weapons to UN control, insisted yesterday that "any leader who violates the Addis Ababa peace accords, including me, should be attacked".

Fighting between Mr Ali Mahdi's Abgal clan and General Aidid Habre Gedir, reduced most of Mogadishu to rubble and its population to starvation last year.

Mr Ali Mahdi was yesterday unable to hide his glee at General Aidid's misfortune although he did say he "deeply regretted the deaths of Somali civilians".

The only policy on which he and the general agree is that they would not allow the UN to declare a mandate or protectorate in Somalia. "We would never accept that," he said.

But a protectorate in all but name may be the only future for the country until the warlords have been destroyed either physically or politically, a senior official in the UN said. "That would take a nationwide disarmament campaign similar to the one being launched against Aidid, and I am not sure that we are ready to do that," he added.

Yesterday the US doubled the number of Cobra attack helicopters deployed in Mogadishu to eight and a 2,200 marine expeditionary force is due to arrive soon.



Aidid propaganda war could be going his way

orders are given to prevent the danger of other victims among the civilian population."

As he spoke, the Pakistani government issued a statement condemning international press coverage of the killings and said that the media had taken the side of General Aidid.

Signor Fabbri, in a thinly veiled allusion to the American domination of the UN operation in Somalia, demanded a greater voice for Italy in policy on its former colony. "We have many contacts and friends here and an

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Blindfold justice: a Bosnian Croat soldier blindfolding a Muslim prisoner near Konjic, so he can face questions about alleged war crimes

British rescue Muslims

FROM BILL FROST IN VITEZ

BRITISH troops yesterday rescued a Muslim family marooned in no man's land in central Bosnia amid fierce fighting.

Major Vaughan Kent-Payne's patrol came under machinegun and rocket fire as he and his men hustled the four civilians on board a Warrior armoured vehicle. The family had sought shelter in an empty house on the Muslim-Croat front line near Novi Travnik.

As she heard the Warrior approach, Senada Senic, 40, ran to flag down the British patrol. She explained aged father, mother and aunt hiding inside the house, too frail and terrified to move.

At first Major Kent-Payne said he was unable to take them to safety. But as the fighting intensified he ordered his men to help the four on board.

"I cannot leave them here," he said. "If I am exceeding my authority, I will face the consequences later."

Serbs and Croats seal alliance with deal to swap people and property

BY TIM JUDAH BALKANS CORRESPONDENT

BOSNIAN Serb and Croat leaders have struck a deal on the exchange of populations and property. The agreement comes on the eve of fresh round of talks between the warring parties set to open in Geneva today. In Sarajevo, Serb, Muslim and Croat military leaders signed a new ceasefire as fighting continued across the country.

Bosnian Serb and Croat leaders both hailed the exchange deal as a breakthrough. While the numbers involved are likely to be small, the political significance of the agreement is important. It comes as both sides move towards a common political platform for the partitioning of Bosnia and co-operation against their now common Muslim foe.

Jozo Maric, the Bosnian Croat negotiator, said the agreement, reached in the southwestern town of Celibici, covered "concrete measures" for the creation of a "new commission for the exchange of homes and property that would accompany civilian exchanges".

Nikola Koljevic, a senior Bosnian Serb leader, said: "Times have changed. It is in the interests of the Croats to co-operate with us. This will now put the pressure on the Muslims because they will be seen to be playing the dirty game of keeping ethnic hostages". Mr Koljevic was referring to tens of thousands of Serbs living in areas under Bosnian government control, including Serb-besieged Sarajevo.

There are few Serbs left in Croat-controlled parts of Bosnia and few Croats in Serb-held areas who would want to move across the front line as opposed to Croatia itself. Until now there have been semi-official offices dealing with population swaps. Private agencies have helped, but have often cheated hapless families who have found themselves on the wrong side of the ethnic front line.

The symbolic importance of the latest deal is that it has been made by two unrecognised governments: that of the self-proclaimed Bosnian Serb republic and its Croatian mirror image, the so-called Croatian Community of Herceg-Bosna. The deal deepens and consolidates their collusion in the carve-up of the internationally recognised Bosnia.

Fighting continued to rage between Croats and Muslims, and Serbs continued to pound the Muslim enclave of Gorazde, designated a United Nations "safe area". Bosnian radio reported that 69 people had died in rocket attacks on Gorazde on Monday and Croatian radio claimed that 18 civilians were killed when Muslim forces opened fire on a column of Croat refugees. At the UN-sponsored ceasefire talks in Sarajevo yesterday General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb leader, pledged that his forces would let UN observers into Gorazde.



Airstrike plan, page 1

White House defends US air strikes

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton defended American air strikes in Somalia last night, but he also reflected unease in Washington over the state of the peacekeeping operations when he called on the United Nations to ensure that Sunday's killing of 20 Somali demonstrators by Pakistani troops is not repeated.

There are concerns in the Clinton administration and Congress that what was begun by President Bush in his final weeks in office as a humanitarian operation is developing into a quagmire into which the Americans are being dragged while being portrayed in the Third World as aggressors.

Mr Clinton insisted, during a White House news conference in which he also raised the prospect of military intervention and the lifting of the arms embargo in Bosnia, that America had needed to take appropriate action after 23 Pakistani peacekeepers were ambushed and murdered 11 days ago. Helicopter gunships raided the radio station and weapons depots of General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, Somalia's main warlord.

But the subsequent killing of 20 Somali demonstrators by Pakistani troops has raised the question of whether they took it upon themselves to avenge their comrades.

Mr Clinton said there was some question of women and children in the crowd being used as shields by gunmen who fired on the Pakistanis.

Mr Clinton said UN officials were trying to get to the bottom of these questions. He expected the UN to take appropriate action and to ensure that peacekeepers did not cause injury or death to innocent Somalis.

Mr Clinton was asked if the foreign intervention in Somalia was becoming counter-productive and was creating "Yankee go home" sentiments. He said that on balance he believed most Somalis still realised that the Americans had ended starvation, brutalisation and violence and had opened up the country again to the beginnings of civilisation.

"I'm very sorry about what happened this last week, but we cannot have a situation where one of these warlords, while everybody else is co-operating, decides that he can go out and slaughter 20 peacekeepers," he said.

Troubles multiply for Clinton as he tries second honeymoon with press

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton's nomination of Ruth Bader Ginsburg to the Supreme Court won almost universal praise yesterday. The way he chose his attracted universal criticism.

A leurely three-month search for the ideal nominee turned into a frantic last-minute scramble for one that would engender no controversy. In the final week Bruce Babbitt, the interior secretary, and Judge Stephen Breyer, of Boston, were both promoted, exposed to public scrutiny and then abandoned in the face of mild opposition. Mr Clinton finally chose a woman he had passed over back in April when he was politically stronger and looking for someone who would, he told aides, make everyone say "Wow".

Displaying a remarkably thin skin, Mr Clinton compounded matters by angrily abandoning Monday's customary post-announcement news conference, when a reporter asked him to explain his "zigzags". The previous night he had hosted a fence-mending barbecue for journalists but as *The New York Times* reported yesterday, "it took about 18 hours for [his] tentatively declared second honeymoon with the White House press corps to collapse in a huff".

The president yesterday insisted he was "not mad at the press. Aides rushed to explain that he had merely considered the question inappropriate given the intensely personal acceptance speech that Judge Ginsburg had just delivered and that had moved him to tears. Mr Clinton said that Judge Ginsburg is "clearly pro-choice" on the issue of abortion, and called on the Senate to confirm her to the Supreme Court before the court begins its fall term.



Supreme choice: President Clinton applauds as Judge Ginsburg prepares to speak after her nomination

As Judge Ginsburg set out on the traditional round of courtesy calls on key lawmakers, the president said he had discussed several cases with her in a White House meeting on Sunday. They included cases dealing with business law as well as women's rights, an area where the 60-year-old appellate judge made her reputation as a lawyer. Mr Clinton said the two did not discuss homosexual rights. He said he used the discussion to get an impression of her overall demeanour and approach to the law, rather than review the merits of any particular case.

Senators yesterday predicted a swift, trouble-free confirmation for Judge Ginsburg. However, the spotlight has once again returned to the president's indecisiveness and his propensity to buckle under pressure.

Mr Clinton has backed away from military intervention in Bosnia, from his promise to allow Haitian refugees into the US, and from lifting the ban on homosexuals in the military. He abandoned Zoe Baird and Kimba Wood, his first two choices for attorney-general, when their employment of illegal immigrants stirred controversy, and refused to fight for Lani Guinier, his controversial nominee for a top civil rights job.

But potentially his most disastrous climbdown came on March 29 when Mr Clinton sought to please western senators by dropping from his economic plan higher grazing and mining fees on federal land. That one concession has endangered the entire $500 billion (£325 billion) plan. It undermined his plea for "shared sacrifice" and signalled to every lobbyist and pressure group that he was susceptible to pressure.

Naturally they have swooped. "The message was unmistakable," said one leading lobbyist.

To squeeze the economic plan through the House the president had to offer numerous concessions to congressmen who were themselves being furiously lobbied by everyone from peanut farmers to aluminium smelters. But in the Senate he has been forced to abandon the $72 billion across-the-board energy tax that was at the heart of a plan that is itself the core of his legislative programme.

For days now the Senate finance committee, which has a Democratic majority of one, has been desperately trying to fill that hole. It has until Friday to do so, but the process has become a giant free-for-all. A majority want a new tax on transportation fuels, but that is being blocked by Max Baucus, of rural Montana, who is backed by the trucking and airline lobbies.

Deeper cuts in Medicare are being blocked by Jay Rockefeller, of West Virginia, who has the powerful pensioners' lobby behind him. Reduced spending on other social and welfare programmes would end the critical support of blacks and liberals in the House.

Five months after an inaugural speech in which Mr Clinton declared that gridlock was over, it is back.

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Malawi voters turn against Banda's one-party regime

BY JAN RAATH IN BLANTYRE AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MALAWI'S pro-democracy movement appeared on the way to certain victory yesterday in the referendum on the country's political future. But, after 27 years of one-party rule, it seemed unlikely to win by an overwhelming margin.

The counting operation was still continuing in several of the 2,097 voting centres, 24 hours after voting ended, and there was no sign of when the government would make its official announcement.

An unofficial count by the United Democratic Front, one of two opposition pressure groups, claimed that between 65 and 87 per cent of around 3.3 million voters had cast their ballots in favour of Western-style democracy. It was clear, however, that the referendum, the first real political choice to be made in a country ruled by one of Africa's more effective systems of repression for nearly three decades, has shown the country split along tribal and political lines.



Banda: heading for political defeat

President Banda has long maintained that one-party rule saved Malawi from the chaos afflicting much of Africa. Although it was being widely assumed that the referendum had gone against him, independent analysts cautioned that many votes remained to be counted, particularly in conservative, *rural areas ripe for* intimidation.

Observers confirmed that the Northern region — which is dominated by Tumbuka-speakers with a tradition of dissent — and the Southern region — where Yao is the predominant language — were both strongly in favour of *multiparty rule. But the Central* region, with its Chewa-speaking people, remained behind President Banda, himself a Chewa.

A crowd of about 6,000 people gathered outside the UDF's tin-roofed headquarters on Kamuzu Highway in Limbe, the town adjoining Blantyre. Addressing them, Bakili Muluzito, the UDF leader, formally claimed victory in mid-afternoon. "The results obtained so far show the people have won because they have voted wisely. They voted for change. They have voted for a multiparty system of government," he said.

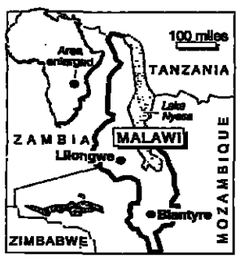
Earlier in Lilongwe, the capital, Chakufwa Chihana, the leader of the second opposition group, the Alliance for Democracy and who was released on Saturday after serving a six-month prison sentence for sedition, added to uncertainty by announcing that, with victory for the multiparty movement in sight, "Banda should call on me as an executive prime minister to form a council of ministers drawn up by the alliance, the UDF and the [ruling] Malawi Congress Party".

The government is due to meet this week the Public Affairs Committee, made up of both the pro-democracy groups, the Church and local lawyers, to consider demands made last week on the action they wanted to follow the referendum. But observers said Mr Chihana's claim to the premiership is likely to annoy both the UDF — which drew far more supporters to its rallies — than did either the alliance or the ruling party. Divisions between the two pressure groups are deep, and Mr Chihana's statement is likely to be exploited by the government.

"The situation needs calm dialogue between the pressure groups and the government," a Western diplomat said. "The atmosphere of calm that has prevailed throughout is a good sign, but there is a danger of fanning people's expectations beyond what can be achieved in the next few months".

Mr Muluzito, a former minister dismissed and publicly disgraced by Dr Banda, said the referendum was only the beginning of democratisation. He called on the "life president" to respect the result and agree to a national unity government to prepare for elections "well before Christmas". The opposition wants work to begin immediately on a democratic constitution, supervised by an international jurist.

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Puritan dictator who set the women dancing

*Dr Hastings Banda warned his enemies that they would be meat for the crocodiles. But his legacy amounts to more than mere repression, **Peter Taylor** writes*

President Banda, one of Africa's last old-style dictators, is finally about to hang up his fly-whisk.

The fly-whisk, together with the black homburg hat, the dark three-piece Savile Row suits and the sunglasses, were the trademarks of a man who once echoed Bismarck by declaring: "I do things. Let others explain."

Fastidious, ascetic and unmarried in all his 90-something years (his exact age is a state secret), Dr Hastings Kamuzu Banda has always had limited interest in the opinions of others. His rise to power was an extraordinary odyssey. As a boy he walked barefoot to South Africa, where he worked in the mines to raise money to study in America. Graduating as a doctor, he discovered that his qualification was unacceptable in the then British colony of Nyasaland, so he enrolled at Edinburgh.

Scottish puritanism suited his temperament and he became an elder of the Church of Scotland (an honour withdrawn when human rights abuses in Malawi became too embarrassing), and he subsequently practised on Tyneside. Exile in Ghana followed, but he returned to Nyasaland in 1958 and took it to independence in 1964.

It was after he quelled a rebellion that the years of one-man rule began. What marked him out from other *African leaders was his insis*tence that Malawi had to rub along with South Africa (and the then Portuguese colonies of Mozambique and Angola).

He became hugely wealthy (he is said to own 40 per cent of all the tobacco grown on Malawi estates), but he was also genuinely popular — especially among women. They turned out in great crowds on ceremonial occasions, ululating and gyrating, while the *Ngwazi* (a title which conveys semi-deification) wriggled among them like an elderly rocker.

Although he never married (but was once cited in Britain in the divorce of the wife of an army major), his "official hostess" for many years was Cecilia Kadzamira, who became a power in her own right. The banning of the Simon and Garfunkel record, "Cecilia", was one of many eccentric prohibitions. Bell-bottom trousers were also banned and advertisements for women's underwear in magazines were blacked out.

His treatment of political opponents was less entertaining. There are still reckoned to be hundreds of political prisoners in Malawi, and one unfortunate teacher spent a year in prison for referring (in an adulatory speech) to "President Banda" instead of "Life President Banda". The life president himself once summed up his judicial philosophy as: "Lack of evidence is not proof of innocence."

On another occasion, he gave a warning that returning dissidents would be "meat for crocodiles", a prediction that came true in a number of instances.

Dr Banda had the sense not to let the rural economy disintegrate, as happened in many other African states, and there was no mass influx to the towns, with the problems of shanties and family disintegration. But the public *mood has been soured by* successive droughts. International aid was suspended, pending improvements in human rights, and a disorganised opposition gradually became more cohesive.

In his own weird way, Dr Banda strove for excellence. He founded the Kamuzu Academy, at which neatly uniformed pupils were taught Latin and Greek. If the man with the fly-whisk departs, Malawi will face different priorities.

Haiti offers Aristide power at a price



Flight of hope: Jeannese Paul, 6, waits with her doll as her father and other Haitian refugees boarded a plane to Miami from Guantánamo naval base in Cuba, after being released from what a federal judge called "an HIV prison camp"

FROM DOMINIQUE JEANTI IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

THE Haitian parliament yesterday recognised Jean Bertrand Aristide as the constitutional head of state and agreed to restore him to power under certain conditions.

In a resolution, the parliament also agreed to approve a prime minister of Mr Aristide's choosing, who is to rule until such time as the president can be reinstated. Prior to the prime minister's confirmation, parliament demanded that certain political and security guarantees be met.

Mr Aristide must get the Organisation of American States and other foreign powers to lift the trade embargo and other sanctions imposed on Haiti after his ousting in September 1991. All severed diplomatic and consular relations with foreign countries must be resumed.

The parliament ha also demanded that all pitical and administrative decisions taken since Septembr 30, 1991, "must remain in fleet" — among them the apointment of General Raoul Cedras as head of the armd forces, and the results of th partial legislative elections of January 1993, which were rejected by the opposition and the international community.

The parliament calld on the new prime minister to include in his government "all the political tendencies represented in parliament", and to have his administration present "draft legislation for a general amnesty". The amnesty is apparentl designed for those involvd in the 1991 coup.

The resolution comesafter increased *international pres*sure. The United Nations Security Council was considering tightening sanctions against Haiti if negotiations to resolve the impasse fled.

Poll victor in Nigeria to select 'best brains'

FROM ELIZABETH OBADINA IN ABUJA

CHIEF Mashood Abiola, the multimillionaire Social Democrat candidate, looked set to become the new president of Nigeria last night.

The first round of official results showed Chief Abiola had won 11 of 14 states, including Abuja, the federal capital. The remaining results from 16 states were expected late last night.

The *Daily Times*, Nigeria's biggest-selling newspaper, controlled by the outgoing federal military government, reported that Chief Abiola was heading for victory over the only other candidate, fellow-Muslim millionaire, Bashir Tofa, whose National Republican Convention called yesterday for the results of the poll to be cancelled beacause it was "massively rigged".

Official returns so far indicate that about 30 per cent of Nigeria's 39 million electorate turned out to vote in the country's most peaceful election. Chief Abiola, a Yoruba from southwest Nigeria, won over not only the predominantly Christian electorate in his home areas but also the Hausa electorate of Mr Tofa's constituency in Kano.

Chief Abiola said that he would preside over a broad-based government when elected and added: "We will pick the best Nigerian brains that we can work with, regardless of party affiliation."

Damian beats belles to beauty prize

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AN AUSTRALIAN surfer has charmed his way into the record books by winning a beauty contest designed for women.

Damian Taylor, 24, who created an international splash by entering the contest, was crowned Miss — or rather Mister — Wintersun 1993 last night and promptly announced he would go for the big one — the Miss Australia title. For good measure Mr Taylor, sporting a tuxedo and flashy tie, also took the Miss Charity title at the pageant on Queensland's Gold Coast resort area.

"Now that I've won this who knows what I can do," Mr Taylor, choking back tears, told reporters. "I don't want to cause any waves with Miss Australia, but I'm going for it. I think it is fair; I believe in change."

A contest official said Mr Taylor, whose prizes include a Pacific cruise, met all necessary criteria to bear the seven women contestants in the charity event. "He won the charity, he raised nearly A$8,000 (£3,500) and he also won the other side of it, the Wintersun Quest, based on the criteria of ten points including deportment, general knowledge and a whole lot of other things," he said.



Rank outsider: Damian Taylor with fellow contestants

Mr Taylor's unprecedented entry forced organisers to change the name of the contest from the "Miss Wintersun" to the genderless "Wintersun Quest," Barry McNamara, the director, said. Some female competitors are angry that a male stole the show. "We were left in the dark," said Nadine Ross, 22.

The chamber of commerce in the northern New South Wales resort town of Tweed Heads has already agreed to enter the Wintersun winner in the Miss Australia contest. Mr Taylor, a natural medicine student, said he had entered the contest as a joke but began to take things seriously after he began to raise money for a telephone counselling service.

Jade Hurley, the contest chairman, said that "with these days of equal opportunity" organisers had no option but to accept Taylor's nomination.

Taylor's father, Bruce, said the win was a victory for equal opportunities. "When I first heard that he was going to be in this I was shocked, I nearly fell over," he said. "I'm very proud of him now and it's something I would never have done. I was a footballer and that was that."

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Kravchuk yields to strikers' challenge and calls elections

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

■ The Ukrainian leader is staking his leadership on winning a Yeltsin-style referendum. But his critics believe he may have already left his run too late

PRESIDENT Kravchuk of Ukraine yesterday gave in to striking miners' demands for a referendum on his leadership and early parliamentary elections, as the mood in the former Soviet republic worsened and fears grew that the country faces political and economic chaos.

Leonid Kuchma, the liberal prime minister, issued a fresh demand for sweeping powers to save the economy from disintegration and said: "This government needs extraordinary powers. We still have time, but only just. Otherwise we will have to do it within a dictatorship within a month."

Mr Kravchuk, a former Communist turned nationalist, hopes that the offer of new polls in December or January will disarm criticism of his rule now and repeat the success of President Yeltsin's April vote of confidence by confirming him in office later. But he has failed to inspire the dogged loyalty of his Moscow counterpart, and is struggling under criticism from many in his own government as well as disgruntled workers. His sudden attempt to regain the initiative after weeks of drift bears the hallmark of desperation.

About 45,000 miners and other workers in the heavily Russianised coal-producing Donbass region joined a mass protest on Monday in Donetsk, the regional capital, against low wages and rampant inflation. They filled the central square with lighted miners' lamps and called for Mr Kravchuk's resignation. The pit protests have widened into a political strike joined by transport workers, health staff and students.

Plagued by internal tensions and the vagueness of its economic policies, the government has been rudderless since parliament last month denied Mr Kuchma special powers to attempt to hoist the republic out of its doldrums by taking overall control of reforms, privatisation and the profligate central bank. It then rejected President Kravchuk's proposal that he should take the helm, accusing him of seeking to accumulate too much personal power.

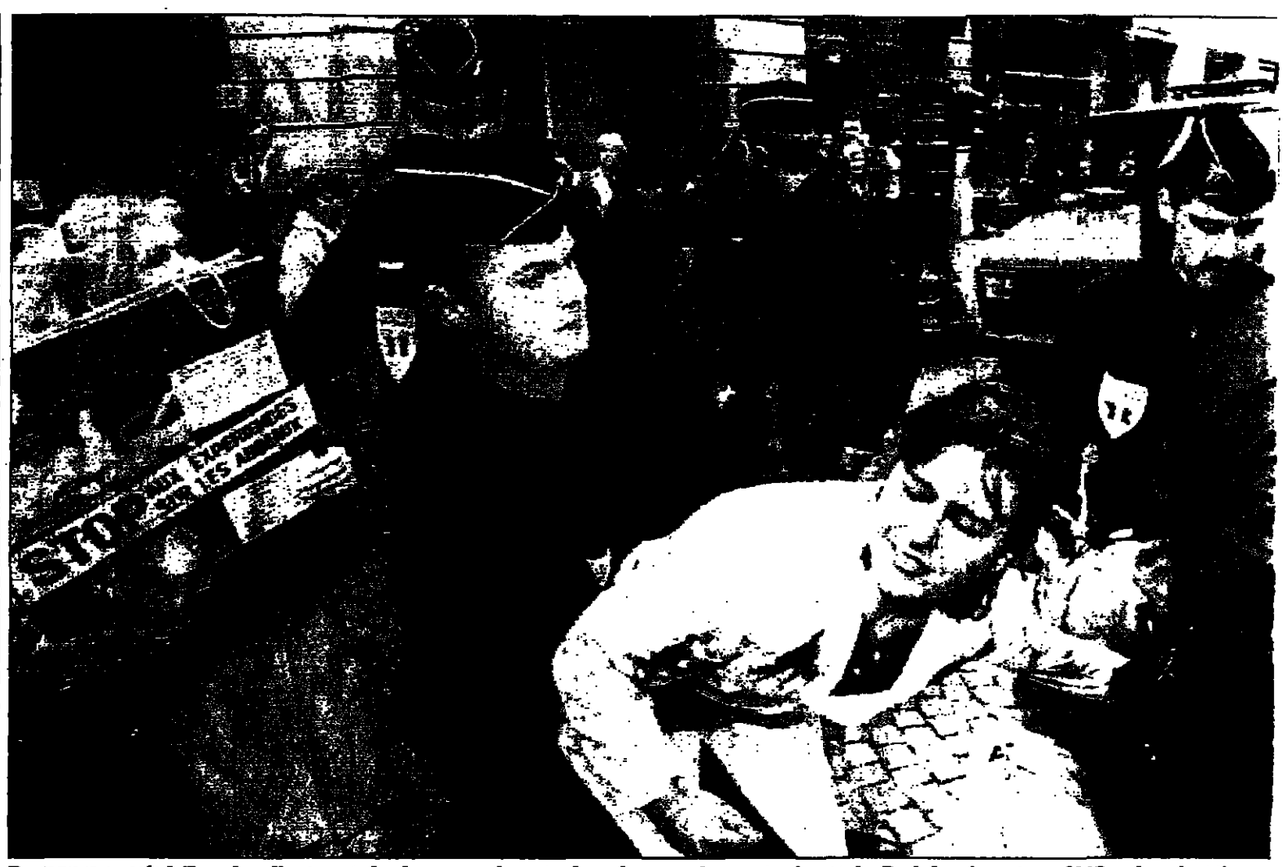
Yuli Yoffe, the deputy prime minister responsible for energy, quit his post on Monday, claiming that the president had refused to listen to his suggestions and that the government had ceased to function. The sharp turn for the worse in the president's fortunes should strengthen Mr Kuchma's hand. Parliament is considering his request for powers which amount to rule by decree and would allow him to amend laws, dismiss public officials and overturn decisions made by state bodies, including parliament.

The miners' opposition is a dangerous sign for Mr Kravchuk, who fears that the republic, which achieved independence for the first time in its history of subjugation to Poland and Russia after the Moscow coup in August 1991, may disintegrate from within. It is under pressure from Moscow conservatives who believe that Crimea should return to Russia.

Miners represent a strong resort of political pressure in the former Soviet Union, and the Donbass workers have not been slow to press their demands, with success first in 1989 and then in 1991. Unlike President Yeltsin, who courted support in the Russian pits to bring himself to power and doled out high pay rises to help keep him there, President Kravchuk has been slow to respond to the worsening situation in the Donbass and wasted his energies on constitutional infighting.

His position has been weakened by his failure to embrace radical reform and the Ukrainian currency, the karbovanets, is so weak that it is even sliding against the rouble. While the government enjoyed a period of grace from voters, citing teething troubles as the source of declining living standards, that tolerance is now exhausted. Services in the republic are a depressing return to Soviet days and Mr Kuchma's efforts to jump-start privatisation and cut the huge budget deficit have been blocked by parliament and the central bank.

Elected president in December 1991, Mr Kravchuk has left most of the communist old-boy networks intact. His critics believe that he has lost his way, becoming obsessed with the symbols of nationhood rather than the practicalities of running a new state.



Protesters muzzled: French police arrested a dozen people yesterday who were demonstrating at the Paris headquarters of L'Oreal against the us of animals in cosmetics tests. An American-based protest group, Peta, said more demonstrations were planned at L'Oreal offices in London and New York

Peking rumour-mill hints at gains on Hong Kong

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

TODAY is the last day of the fifth round of the Anglo-Chinese negotiations in Peking on the future of limited democracy in Hong Kong and an official source has claimed that "these talks are going nowhere".

Sir Robin McLaren, British ambassador to Peking who leads the British team and makes its official pronouncements, said after yesterday's three-and-a-half-hour session that there had been some progress and referred, without elaborating, to "various moves we have made locally".

But so tight is the seal of secrecy on the negotiations that Sir Robin refused to confirm that there will be a sixth round, saying only that the fifth will produce a communiqué today. But leaks to reporters, probably Chinese-inspired, say the British have agreed to limitations on the number and size of the functional constituencies for the 1995 elections to the Legislative Council which accord with agreements made in 1984. This would meet Peking's demands to abandon proposals by Chris Patten, the governor, to enlarge the electorate from a few hundred thousand to nearly three million.

A British official dismissed this report as "wholly untrue". If it were true, what Mr Patten's supporters here have described as the core of the Patten plan would vanish.

The Peking-oriented Hong Kong press laid down a barrage of articles and commentaries attacking Britain's "little tricks". The Great Wall also figured in Chinese metaphor, because some of the British team had recently visited it. *Ta Kong Pao*, the principal voice of Peking in the colony, observed that reaching the Wall's highest point required British adherence to all past Anglo-Chinese agreements, which Peking accuses Patten of having wholly betrayed. The British so far were placing brambles and stones on th path, the paper claimed.

The Peking-supported *Wen Wei P* charged that Mr Major's plan t confront China with the Patten plan was causing problems in Whitehal where British businessmen were lob bying for a change in Hong Kon policy.

Sir Percy Cradock, chief Chin adviser to both Mr Major and Marga ret Thatcher and an energetic critic o the Patten proposals, is reported t have said recently that, because of th governor's bad judgment, Britain wil soon have to make major concession at the Peking negotiations.

Ex-Communist takes over to quell Azerbaijan revolt

BY ANATOL LIEVEN IN BAKU AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

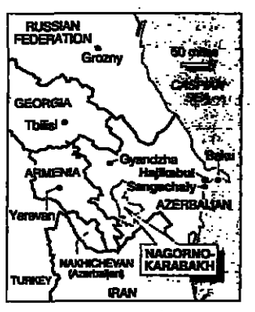
WITH rebel forces almost at the gates of the capital, Baku, and fresh fighting reported, Azerbaijan's parliament yesterday elected Heidar Aliyev, the former Communist leader, as its chairman and in effect head of state.

Mr Aliyev's election is the result of a compromise between the Popular Front supporters of President Elchibey and the opposition, made up of former Communists and disgruntled former Popular Front supporters. This compromise is expected to force the rebel leader, Colonel Surat Husseinov, to withdraw his forces and his extreme demands for the resignation and trial of President Elchibey.

Mr Aliyev was elected chairman by the National Council, the standing parliament, by 34 votes to three with two abstentions. He was the only candidate. Popular Front resistance collapsed when President Elchibey, sitting grim-faced and humiliated behind Mr Aliyev, called for him to be elected.

The constitution was changed to allow Mr Aliyev's election as he was not previously even a member of the National Council. A move against him by Tofiq Gasimov, the foreign minister and leading Popular Frontist, was summarily quashed. So was an attempt by Rahim Gasiev, a leading backer of the rebels and former defence minister, to call the full parliament to have President Elchibey impeached. The whole exercise was strongly reminiscent of the managed Soviet parliament of the past.

Mr Aliyev refused to give any account of his visit to Colonel Husseinov on Sunday or of his relations with the rebels. A pro-Aliyev deputy declared, calling for the debate to be cut short: "Why are we fooling around like this?



We came here to elect Aliyev because we need a leader who will prevent a civil war. That's all. Now let's elect Aliyev and all go home."

One of Mr Aliyev's first moves on returning to Baku last week was to meet representatives of Western oil companies which are planning huge investments in Azerbaijan's offshore oil fields.

These representatives, on the advice of the American State Department, have now quit Baku for fear of civil war. Staff of the US embassy have also left, but a British embassy spokesman in Moscow said he was not aware of plans to evacuate British diplomats.

If Colonel Husseinov does not back down, such a war is still possible. Over the weekend, revolts against the Popular Front government broke out in many areas of Azerbaijan, and Colonel Husseinov's troops pushed to within 62 miles of Baku.

At Sangachaly, 28 miles from Baku, government troops were yesterday digging trenches and positioning armoured vehicles in the government's second line. Yesterday morning brief clashes were reported from Hajikabul, 25 miles to the west.

In the capital yesterday, Popular Front supporters were vowing to fight for the legitimate government and appealed for arms to be distributed. They called for an amnesty offered by President Elchibey to the rebels to be withdrawn. However, soldiers on both sides have declared that they do not want a "fratricidal war".

President Elchibey seems to have been pushed to the sidelines and the only question appears to be whether Mr Aliyev will allow him to remain as a tolerated figurehead or humiliate him so he is forced to resign.

Rights conference wrangles over freedom of the press

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA IN VIENNA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE rights to free speech and a free press face an aggressive challenge at the United Nations human rights conference in Vienna this week as detailed negotiations over a final declaration get under way.

An attempt by the Chinese deputation to bar the Dalai Lama, the Tibetan spiritual leader, from speaking at the conference failed, in the face of determined opposition from Western delegates and the host nation, Austria. The Dalai Lama was greeted by cheering supporters as he walked into the conference.

The American delegation is expected to raise objections to a clause in the draft declaration which could legitimise tight new restrictions on media freedom. Paragraph 26 of the draft statement implies that press freedom is conditional upon "objective, responsible and impartial" coverage, an apparent reversal of article 19 of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which guarantees freedom of opinion and expression.

The contested paragraph being considered by delegates from 180 governments also emphasises the role of "national law" in protecting free speech, a crucial shift away from the universal declaration's pledge to defend the press "irrespective of frontiers". British officials said they would strongly oppose any attempt to limit press freedom.

However, free speech campaigners argue that the proposed formula is reminiscent of the "New World Information and Communication Order". Championed by Unesco in the 1970s, it sought to give Third World governments powers to regulate press coverage of their affairs, to protect the "right to development". Although the universal declaration cannot be formally amended in Vienna, free speech activists are concerned that paragraph 26 will be a green light to authoritarian regimes to censor the press, on the pretext that it is acting "irresponsibly".

China was last night left isolated among permanent members of the UN Security Council as Russia supported plans for a UN High Commissioner for human rights. Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister, said it was "high time" for this idea to become reality.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cambodian prince flees to Vietnam

Phnom Penh: Cambodia's se cessionist prince and armed followers fled from their "au tonomous zone" into Vietnam yesterday and the head of th Phnom Penh government de clared their breakaway move ment over.

"According to Hun Sen [th prime minister], no singl province under the control o the State of Cambodia admi istrative structure has becom an autonomous zone," th chief United Nations peace keeper in Cambodia said.

A UN observer watched a Prince Norodom Chakrapon and his convoy crossed th border, handing their weap ons to Vietnamese guards. Th prince, an enemy of his hal brother, Prince Norodor Ranariddh, winner of la month's election, had declare some provinces an autono mous zone with himself an two allies as rulers. *(Reuter)*

Indian attack

Delhi: Indian security force have launched their biggest o fensive against an estimate 5,500 Muslim rebels in Kasl mir, the Press Trust of Indi said. A state official said th operation was paving the wa for polls by the end of th year. *(AFP)*

Inkatha quits

Johannesburg: The Inkath Freedom Party and its allies i South Africa's democrac talks have walked out of nego tiations because their reques to deal with violence and th future form of the state befo setting an election date wer rejected. *(Reuter)*

Talks resume

Washington: Arab and Israe negotiators have begun th tenth round of the Midd East peace talks amid hopes a breakthrough. The most cr ical negotiations are those b tween Israel and Syria on th the Golan Heights and Pale tinian self-rule.

Sofia protest

Sofia: Several hundred dem onstrators held an overnig vigil outside the office of Pre dent Zhelev, calling for his re ignation. Protests by suppor ers of the opposition Union Democratic Forces also to place elsewhere. *(AFP)*

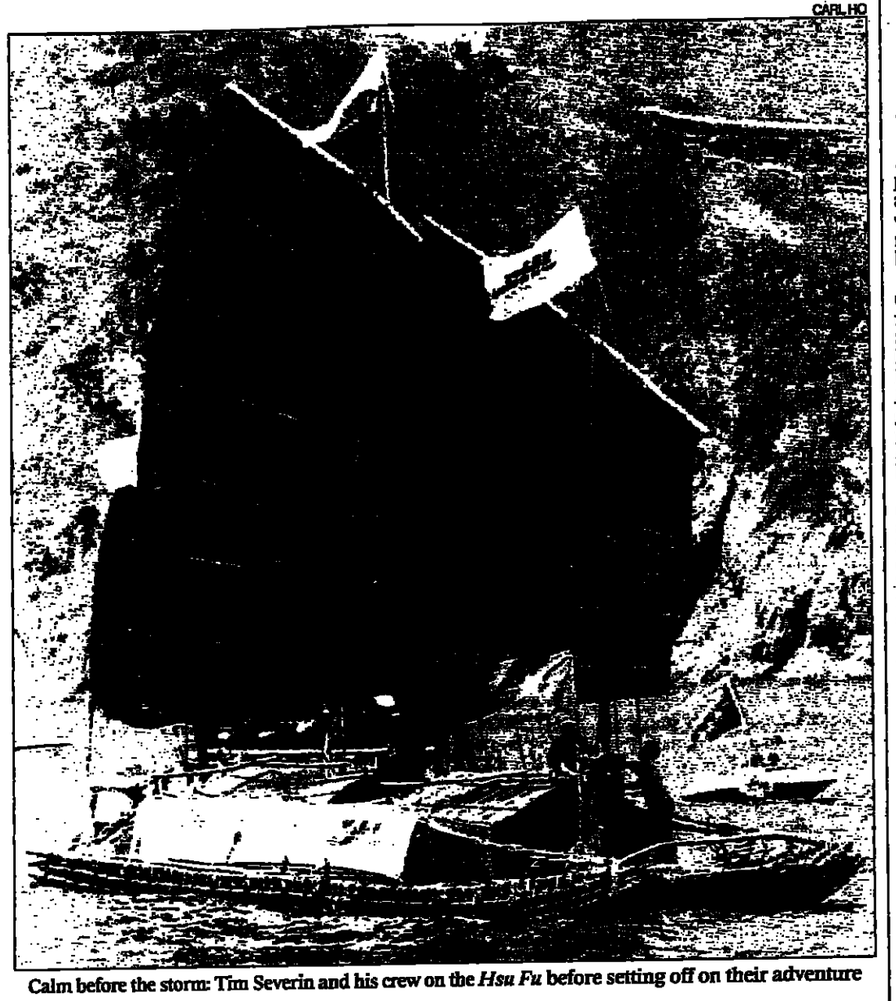
Class act fails

Sydney: A couple who calle themselves the Duke an Duchess of Marlborough ar declared their farm an ind pendent country to keep ban ers at bay were arrested fo refusing to hand over the property to receivers. *(Reuter*

Pirate on the horizon

Tim Severin has just arrived at his first port of call on his remarkable voyage across the Pacific by raft

CARL HO



Calm before the storm: Tim Severin and his crew on the *Hsu Fu* before setting off on their adventure

Battered by a gale, with a broken foremast, and swept far off course by the ocean current, we have finally made the first landfall of The China Voyage aboard our 60-foot bamboo sailing raft *Hsu Fu*. On June 12 we reached the sub-tropical island of Miyako in the Japanese Ryukyu archipelago.

The crew is in remarkably good shape considering that we had been at sea for 28 days instead of the seven days planned for the first sector of the voyage from Hong Kong, and had been living on reduced rations of food and water. We have come ashore well to the east of our original destination which was southern Taiwan.

The expedition is an experiment to test whether, by accident or design, mariners from Asia may have sailed across the Pacific to reach the Americas 1,700 years before their discovery by the Spanish. To judge by our recent experience, there seems every chance that some Asian sailors would have been swept or blown to totally unexpected destinations by the powerful currents and winds in this part of the globe, and that for at least a month their vessels would have withstood prolonged, and unplanned for, sea passages.

There are five of us aboard the replica of an early Chinese sailing raft: Loi, 35, is a Vietnamese fisherman and raft sailor who helped to construct the vessel at his native village of Sam Son about 100 miles south of Hanoi. On board, his main responsibility has been to look after the structure of the vessel, particularly the 40 miles of rattan lashings which hold together the 220 bamboos of the main hull.

Joe Beynon, 28, from London, is our photographer as well as doctor. Mark Reynolds, 30, is an enthusiast for junk-rigged vessels, and joined in Hong Kong where he had been working as a shipwright. He is the key man to look after the spars and rigging of the raft which needs constant attention as the flexing of the hull imposes heavy loads on the traditional fibre ropes which hold up the masts and sails.

Finally, in addition to myself as skipper, there had been Geoffrey Dobbs, 40, a Hong Kong trader whose younger brother had sailed on a couple of my previous expeditions. Geoffrey, who was ship's storekeeper doling out the daily rations, had told his office that he would be away for ten days. As our voyage stretched out, a radio malfunction meant he could not contact his office.

His business associates must have wondered what on earth had happened to him, until he finally reappeared with tales of long calms as tranquil as the doldrums, near misses with merchant ships, and close encounters with predatory pirate vessels, which infest these waters. Luckily what the marauding Chinese pirates saw of our scruffy-looking birds nest of a vessel decided them that we were not a worthwhile target. A Chinese patrol boat had already mistaken us for Vietnamese boat people and ordered us out of its coastal waters.

We left Hong Kong on May 18 and experienced such light winds that four nights later we could still see the loom of Hong Kong's spectacular night skyline. Two days of favourable wind then taught us that *Hsu Fu* prefers to trudge along at a stately two knots. We were just getting used to this pace when the weather turned nasty. A Force 8 gale from the south blasted us along, all sails lowered and lashed down, right across the main shipping track between Taiwan and Hong Kong. The closest shave came just after midnight when we heard the engines of a big container ship. When you can hear a ship's engines above the roar of the waves and the moan of a gale wind in the rigging, then you are very, very close indeed. Fifty yards would have been a reasonable estimate, and with such weather there was no way to steer *Hsu Fu* to a safer distance.

> A long, low pirate ship came tearing over the horizon and circled us as potential prey

But the gale did teach us that *Hsu Fu's* lashed hull, though flexing and groaning noisily and with the waves surging between the bamboos, could take the punishment. We emerged with much more confidence in our strange craft.

By May 25, I decided that because our cruising speed was no more than walking pace, we had to take advantage of the Japan Current, "the Black Tide", which flows north along the east coast of Taiwan. A fortunate wind wafted us around Taiwan's dangerous southern cape with its notorious rip tides, and for one delirious day we travelled almost 90 miles. Our self-satisfaction changed abruptly when the wind died, and the Black Tide which had been helping us on our way, now carried us helplessly past our intended port-of-call near Tai-pei in northern Taiwan. There was nothing we could do, and *Hsu Fu* was carried farther and farther out to sea.

That was when an unmarked marauding vessel — long, low, carrying no flags or markings, and with at least 30 men on board, came tearing up over the horizon and circled us as potential prey. Piracy is rife and there was little doubt that we were being assessed as potential victims. Even within Japanese territorial waters, ten days later, we were inspected by another high seas raider. Luckily in both cases *Hsu Fu* was scorned.

Friends in the Taiwan Yachting Association guessed our plight when we were ten days overdue, and hired a fishing boat to search for us. It found us 100 miles off the coast. Geoffrey was plucked off to be returned to his office, and Nima, a Japanese artist, was put aboard.

Just 24 hours away from the Ryukyus, the raft's foremast suddenly snapped, for no apparent reason, dumping sail and rigging overboard. But by then we were experienced survival sailors, and within two hours were again plodding along under jury-rig.

The relaxed and easy-going nature of our reception on Miyako was a complete surprise. The Japanese customs and immigration Services speeded up the formalities so they could invite us to share a traditional Miyako welcome characterised by consecutive toasts in local beer and sake.

A discarded telephone pole is now being re-shaped to provide a new foremast, and as soon as the radio has been fixed we intend to set sail for the main islands of Japan. Ahead lies the prospect of the main Pacific crossing.

The making of a modern classic

In 20 years Virago has gone from radical chic to the establishment, writes **Victoria Glendinning**



Founder: Callil in 1974

Friends in need of something good to read say to me, "Can I borrow a Virago?" No other publisher except Mills & Boon has achieved such a high degree of what would be called "brand name recognition" if books were baked beans.

I possess 143 Virago books. I just counted the dark-green spines on my shelves. No. It's 146. Elaine Showalter's *The Female Malady* is lying open on the filing cabinet, and I have just acquired *A Virago Keepsake* and *Infinite Riches: Virago Modern Short Stories*, both published, along with *Virago New Books*, as part of the firm's 20th birthday celebrations.

The birthday shenanigans include a big party for Virago authors, supporters and old mates in the Conservatory at the Barbican, and *Her Infinite Variety*, an "evening extravaganza" compiled from the works of Virago authors and performed by the group Dangerous Reputations, which includes Juliet Stevenson, Harriet Walter, Francesca Annis, Fiona Shaw and Sheila Hancock. This should be good. (Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, WC1, Sunday June 20)

Someone will write a book soon about what Ursula Owen calls "the heady early days" 20 years back when the idea of a feminist publishing house took shape in Carmen Callil's flat in Chelsea, and then when Virago, its staff doubled to four, operated from a cluttered upstairs room in Wardour Street, Soho.

They started with non-fiction. The Virago Reprint Library was launched in 1977, making available the work of forgotten social investigators and the accounts of working women's experience which now provide essential sources for feminist scholars. The Virago Modern Classics list of 19th century and 20th century fiction by women, inaugurated in 1978, has expanded the canon, according to Professor Hermione Lee of York University, and reshaped the syllabus of most English departments.

Virago Modern Classics have also given pleasure to readers who are light-years away from women's studies and feminist politics. Most of the novels rescued from oblivion were in their own time middlebrow mainstream fiction, read by rectors' wives and doctors' daughters. Sometimes they were *about* rectors' wives and doctors' daughters. They have found a large and devoted new following.

> There was always a split which the generation now in their twenties can bridge

But many of the women, and men, who read the Modern Classics will never have read any of the fierce new Virago fiction, nor the feminist literary criticism, nor the Third World literature, nor the novels and poems by lesbian or radical women.

There was always this funny split in the list, and in the readership, which the generation now in their twenties can more happily bridge. The split in any case was one of the secrets of Virago's commercial success. The tensions in Virago between business sense, feminist politics, and the passion for literature have, like the personalities involved, sometimes proved explosive. But Virago's feminism, embracing women's experience in all its forms, has remained uncensorious and uncensored.

There have been blips and weaknesses. The first batches of Modern Classics were first-rate. When you have reprinted all the first-rate books you have to start trawling the second-rate. There is an almost limitless pool of forgotten women's fiction. But a book is not worth reprinting simply because it is by a female person who is dead. Virago diversified further, commissioning new fiction, biography, criticism and poetry, and reprinting some fiction about women by men.

In 1982 Virago became a subsidiary of the Chatto, Bodley Head and Cape group, with Callil as managing director of Chatto while remaining chairwoman of Virago. The marriage lasted five years. During this period there was, briefly, a Virago Bookshop in Southampton Street off the Strand, forced to close before it had time to prove itself, when the ailing CBC could no longer back it.

Exquisitely decorated in the familiar dark green livery, the bookshop was opened by Rosamund Lehmann, who, like other octogenarian writers such as Storm Jameson and Molly Keane, experienced resurrection in their own lifetimes when their books were re-issued as Virago Modern Classics. Some writers of the older generation, however, had difficulty with Virago's feminist collectivism. Sybille Bedford and Martha Gellhorn are also in Virago Modern Classics, but both have reservations about the Virago agenda and the ghettoising of women's writing.

In 1987, as CBC fell into the arms of Random House, Virago negotiated a management buy-out and regained its independence. Now, Virago is based in Camden Town, with a staff of 20. It has 700 titles in print and publishes about 100 books a year. Lennie Goodings and Harriet Spicer, who were among the first young Viragos, are in positions of command. Turnover for 1993 is expected to be £3 million.

Virago is part of the literary establishment. Michele Roberts's 1992 novel *Daughters of the House*, published by Virago, won the W.H.Smith Award and was shortlisted for the Booker. Carmen Callil, still chairwoman, is a legendary figure in international publishing. Ursula Owen has spread her wings beyond book-publishing but remains as non-executive director. In a world where bemused authors cannot remember to which conglomerate any imprint currently belongs, and where editors disappear overnight after corporate reshuffles, such continuity is awesome.

So what can Virago do next? The latest projects cater to women out in the world, which is where we should be. A room of one's own is essential but we have sat in there, rummaging in our emotional handbags, for quite long enough. There is a new series of Virago's *Women's Travel Guides* to Paris, Rome and New York, and *Everywoman's Guide to the Car*, by Judith Jackson. Excellent.

Rebecca West — a Virago Modern Classic, naturally — wrote that there is "no reason for the existence of the male sex except that one sometimes needs help with moving the piano." I wouldn't go so far as that. But what I want now is a Virago book that will teach me how to do with skill, technique and the right tools what I cannot do by brute strength: moving the piano, indeed, or getting a recalcitrant cork out of a wine bottle. Or moving mountains.

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A majestic thumbs-down

Young children show a cynical grasp of current affairs, says **Libby Purves**

SALLY & RICHARD GREENHILL



Child's play: youngsters are savvy about newspapers

IF, IN twenty years' time, the Queen of England is chased up a tree by an escaped gorilla, it may not make the front page of any national newspaper. Not as long as there is any foreign war news.

Sorry, but there it is. The next generation of editors, reporters and readers has spoken, and these are serious people who rate foreign affairs well above arboreal Windsors. At least, a straw poll did: twenty ten and 11-year-olds from St Botoloph's state primary school in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, with whom I spent yesterday morning sitting on the floor of a local bookshop deconstructing the day's papers.

I had set the question of whether "Queen chased up tree" should outrank, say, a cancer cure or an Iraqi-Russian war. It was one of the exercises in a Puffin fact book about the way news is gathered and presented on the air and in print.

"Media studies" are rarely encountered before secondary school, and tend to involve more playing with camcorders than straight information about who does what in order to get reasonably accurate news onto the breakfast table. And apart from the shining exception of *Press Gang* on children's television, and Lois Lane in *Superman* (who does more flying than working anyway), there seems to be a dearth of the girl reporters and heroic foreign correspondent scoopsters who populated comics in my childhood.

It seems a shame. Seven to 11-year-olds are so interested in the world, so fond of stories and so fanatical about what is "fair", that they deserve a straightforward primer on news gathering. Schools, after all, are forever telling children to take an intelligent interest in current affairs; parents say vague things like, "They print a lot of lies" or, "It's true, it's in the paper".

But what is the point, unless they are helped to interpret? To have proper respect for scoops and campaigns, to spot slants and stunts, to understand about photo opportunities and press releases, and to consider how easy it is to get a picture of a minister apparently asleep beside his PM at a party conference?

Ten is certainly not too young. The Peterborough children were extremely fly, and well up on current affairs, knowing what UN and IRA stood for. They seized on the Terry Venables pictures, and discussed why he might have been smiling so broadly after his rout ("He probably saw the fans cheering him"). They unerringly picked out the headline words designed to draw attention. "Scandal", "victim", "terror", "row" and "riddle" were all identified as baited hooks. They flew instantly to the *Daily Mail's* "Yob slashed woman's throat from ear to ear", making me quite glad I had removed a couple of the less wholesome pages from other papers.

ALL THE children thought crime reporting desirable — "even if it frightens people too much, because you ought to be aware; it could be you". Some broadsheet presentation was given short shrift: one boy was very scathing about a *Telegraph* headline, "Tax increase is an option says No 10", on the ground that it was boring. "Tax is quite interesting to people", he said, "but option is a boring word." The new Turkish prime minister on the front of *The Times* met with more approval than pictures of the Princess of Wales, because it was "proper news"; but the girls noticed that she was sniffing a rose and that perhaps a male prime minister might not have been. As the local newspaper photographer arrived and persuaded them into scoopish positions with cameras and notebooks, they considered the morality of staged photographs.

There was a well-developed, even prudish, sense of the difference between news and public relations. They were well able to work out how *Jurassic Park* had got itself so many column inches ... "You could just keep telling little bits of different stories to different newspapers so it stays interesting".

But the overwhelming impression was of how little respect for the Fourth Estate has rubbed off on this generation. It left me, and the *Peterborough Evening Telegraph* man who gamely joined in a discussion on press intrusion, gasping slightly and standing on our dignity.

"They just make it up, some of them ... they come and annoy people who have had a shock ... they print all sorts of things just for the money". They were surprised at the care that goes into accuracy, and the very existence of sub-editors; and it took patient leading to make them see any positive uses of press coverage, even for campaigners.

They felt no particular outrage, as yet, about official cover-ups, or any of our generation's hero worship of war correspondents. Only two wanted to be in journalism.

Oh dear. We need those ace boy reporters back in the comic-strips, sharpish.

A 'TIMES' READER SPECIAL EVENT

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The outrageous exploits of brides-to-be on their hen nights are increasingly outdoing those of the grooms

How the stag night lost its kick



RACHEL KELLY

First there were the Chippendales. Now welcome the California Dream Men, the latest male strippers to hit the West End. No self-respecting hen night is complete without a trip to one or the other — preferably the latter because it is the more risqué of the two (their slogan? "You've seen the boys . . . Now see the men.").

While stag nights become tamer by the day, hen nights are becoming more raucous. Madame JoJos, an amusing transvestite club, used to be the place for this sort of thing a couple of years ago, but I'm afraid it's deemed too conventional these days. Girls on their night out, if not watching the Chippendales or the Californians strip to their smalls, at the very least get rip-roaringly drunk and "talk bawdy", once the preserve, in Robert Walpole's phrase, of gentleman passing the port.

That too, is on the wane. The convention that women disappear after dinner to leave their menfolk to get slowly sozzled and outrageous in equal measure has all but vanished. Some men don't bother with best men either. The MP Keith Vaz, who married a fellow barrister, Maria Fernandes, earlier this year, chose his mother as best man.

Stag nights have declined to such an extent that many grooms don't bother to have them at all. If they do, the nights are hardly worthy of the name. A typical stag night nowadays might involve a pleasant dinner, or some vaguely macho pursuit like climbing a mountain or firing paint-pellets, more akin to a management assertiveness training course.

Gone are the days of female strippers and debauchery. When did you last see a Bertie Wooster-figure dancing with a lamp-post or pinching a policeman's helmet, post stag-night excesses, or a groom hand-cuffed naked to the gates at Buckingham Palace? Stag nights really should be renamed "hind nights", while "hen nights" need a new sobriquet. Part of the reason for the decline in such male-only customs is purely practical. The end of men lingering over the port is in part because there is no longer any necessity to do so. The convention began because men and women needed to be allowed to go to the loo separately: women would disappear to the closets in 18th-century stately homes, while men would pee on the gravel or use the chamber-pots kept in dining-rooms for the purpose. Equally, in an age of cohabitation, men no longer need a stripper to fulfil their desires before their nuptials.

The decline in such male pursuits is made to seem more exaggerated by the rise of female-only sauciness. Though the first reference to a hen night appears in 1887, the modern version really began in the 1960s with the rise of feminism. Women had long since kicked off the last vestiges of Victorian convention, by which women knew their husbands by their surnames only, viz Mr Darcy. Dickens recalls his utter horror when a woman referred to her husband as "Darling" at a dinner-party.

An excellent thing it was too. The rise of the 1990s phenomena of the male stripper and the open enjoyment of female-only gatherings is only the logical extension of what was begun then. Centuries of pent-up frustration are now finding their expression in the crowds queuing to see the Chippendales.

The problem is that such women have rather over-reacted. Hen nights should now be toned down, as I'm sure they will in the coming years. In contrast, men could relax more about enjoying themselves on their own and have more fun. The worst excesses of men-only gatherings have now been curbed, but we are in danger of losing such events altogether.

Such modifications in place, long may all-male and all-female gatherings continue. For all their similarities, men and women have their differences, which should be enjoyed and celebrated. *Vive les différences.*

Could you take this pressure?

Alice Thomson on women tennis players forced to balance wealth and glamour against stress and living abnormally

The only place in Eastbourne where skirts are worn above the knee, said a vast poster outside the Volkswagen cup tennis tournament. But as a bitter north-easterly wind rattled the flags and blew the pollen count into a wind-chill factor, there were few legs to be seen. Old ladies buttoned up their pastel cardies and got out the Thermos. Gabriela Sabatini retired to pace the corridors of the Grand hotel with her coach. As rain stopped play for the third time, Linda Harvey-Wild was already in tears. Her ponytail bobbing wildly, she screamed up at her stepfather that she couldn't be expected to play on a court that was more slippery than a tomato.

Women's tennis, they say, has never been so glamorous. With wide-bodied racquets, firmer thighs, improved training methods and serious prize money the girls (as they like to be called) should be on a roll. Single minded and dedicated children like Jennifer Capriati can be multimillionaires before they have played their first pro match and are wearing Gianni Versace at 14.

Yet beneath all the pom-pommed socks, bouffant tracksuits and streak-free mascara the pressure is as taut as the strings they play on, and their faces look miserable. At Eastbourne suntanned coaches hover near the geraniums waiting to grab their charges as they come out of the changing rooms or argue over the ever-threatening danger of burnout.

Many of the players look younger than the ballgirls revising for their GCSEs. But as loitering parents explain, you have to start them young. If your daughter only begins performing miraculous topspin backhands at the age of ten it will be too late. To have any chance of producing a real star you have to give your four-year-old a racquet and draw smiley faces on the tennis balls for them to punch.

Then there is the schedule. With no real season, teenagers spin from tour to tour and hotel shower cap to hotel shower cap hardly pausing to buy dental floss. They all stay at the same hotels, eat the same food and wear the same little numbers on court. Arriving in Eastbourne their time is spent checking out practice courts, schedules and availability of courtesy cars which leaves little time to wander down the pier.

And what about education? While Mary Joe Fernandez is constantly being pointed out as the woman who finished her high school diploma, most never bother. Jennifer Capriati blamed nearly losing in the first round of the 1991 Italian Open on the fact that she was worrying about a school assignment. She has since given up education and keeps a journal about the cities she visits instead. She jets around the world with her father and mother, her younger brother, her hovering minders from IMG and a United States Tennis Association coach.

But she insists she's normal. As does Monica Seles, who, asked at 15 if success would change her, said, "No, I'm just going to stay the same little old me".

So would you give your daughter to the court? "Depending on your point of view, Jennifer Capriati could either be a rich, lovable adolescent or a walking advertisement for remedial education," says Michael Mewshaw, author of *Ladies of the Court* (Little Brown, £15.99) published next week. "Only bullfighters and boxers have less education."

Having spent a year following the women's tournaments around the world, he would not let any daughter near a tennis racquet. "The pressure is appalling. When you find a player whose father has a job you're surprised. Normally a girl is expected to support her father and mother. Even brothers tend to live off little sis as managers. In some ways it must be very flattering but it couldn't conceivably be called normal."

Having also written a book on the men's professional tour, *Short Circuit*, Mewshaw thinks that there are far more conflicting pressures on women.

The question of femininity is at the forefront of women's tennis. Men do not have to prove their masculinity. Andre Agassi can state, "I'm as happy as a faggot in a submarine," and everyone laughs. He can go into a press conference with a sweaty shirt, matted hair and no one comments. But women are still expected to look coiffeured, dye their hair and answer questions on earrings as well as work out. "The sponsors complain if the girls are badly turned out. The commentators sneer about fat. Women players aren't as exciting to write about, so you need a pretty picture," says Mewshaw.

When Monica Seles was stabbed, security was added to women players' list of problems. At Eastbourne the players' chairs are now turned towards the crowd. While men are vulnerable to crazy fans, women tend to attract even stronger loyalties. But Mewshaw's main concern is their sexual life. The women's tour is largely populated by men. There are male agents, umpires, coaches, linesmen, sparring partners, journalists and gofers but usually nobody of the child's own age or background.

"People always ask about steamy locker room scenes between the women but it is the men who are the problem," says Mewshaw. "When a girl spends 24 hours with her coach, often sharing a bedroom, it seems natural when he cuddles up to her, and before she knows it she is having a relationship that is almost impossible to break. Some girls with world-class ability quit rather than miss out on the boys. Others stay abnormally close to their fathers. Hardly anyone maintains a normal relationship."

Sabatini suffers other pressures. "She has extraordinary discipline and diligence, beautiful expressiveness on court and a large bank account," Mewshaw says. "Yet at the same time her parents and coaches smother her and her personality changes from headstrong diva one moment to heartsick, dizzy adolescent the next. She is determined to be fit yet feminine, and she has to court the public but avoid bad press. She just doesn't look happy any more."

Kathy Rinaldi, once touted as potentially the best player of all time and on the circuit for 13 years, disagrees with this diagnosis. "You have your ups and downs with this job but it's a great opportunity to see the world. Although the other girls can't be your best friends, they are supportive and we have discos and parties just like any other group of girls. We're not freaks. Look at Martina Navratilova. She's been on the circuit for years and she is intelligent, articulate, funny and a great player," she says.

Britain's best hope, Amanda Wainwright, 17, is less sure. "I love playing tennis but I don't want to limit my options and I want it to be fun, not just get to the top. So many people drop out with injuries and have nowhere to go. I want an education to back me up and I'd be bored if I wasn't stretching my brain as well as my calves."

RICHARD SELLERS



"She just doesn't look happy any more." Gabriela Sabatini has to court the public yet avoid bad press

Wobbly bits succumb to hard sell

Women will pay a lot to treat their cellulite even if the condition doesn't exist, says **Julia Llewellyn Smith**

Mention cellulite to virtually any woman and her face will fall. Mention it to doctors and they will scoff disdainfully. Mention it to beauty business executives and their faces will light up.

Cellulite is the lumpy skin with an orange-peel appearance which is often seen on women's bottoms and thighs. According to beauty companies and women's magazines, both of which risk going out of business if a cure is ever found for the condition, cellulite is the result of women having "special" fat cells, which trap toxins in the bloodstream.

In France "la cellulite" is regarded as a serious medical condition and remedies are available on prescription. Here the medical profession reserves the same derision for it as it would for requests for invisibility potions. Most doctors deny that cellulite exists, saying it is only another word for fat. They add that the concept of toxin build-up is also a myth, saying that toxins in such concentrations would kill us.

Dr Margaret Ashwell of the British Nutrition Foundation says: "We did some research with women who claimed they had cellulite. We analysed cells from the areas where the skin was dimply, and cells from the arm where the skin is smooth, and found there was no difference at all."

Dr Ashwell admits that orange-peel thighs are not a figment of the imagination: "Pear-shaped women with large hips have an excess of fat in that area and find it difficult to shift fat generally."

Despite being an apparently non-existent condition, cellulite is huge business. Hundreds of "treatments" are available, from gels and creams to massage, aromatherapy and, if all else fails, liposuction. In April Christian Dior launched Svelte, a sticky, brown gel that costs £25 for 200 millilitres. It promises to reduce puffiness and reduce bumps, and to eliminate "accumulated metabolites".

Christian Dior will not reveal sales figures, but says that in only three months Svelte has already achieved its annual sales target. The company spokeswoman Sophie Peter says: "The reaction from the public in this country has been amazing. British women are often slightly hesitant about falling in love with that kind of product." Some customers, she says, are already on to their second or third bottle.

If the product is used every day, as advised, it will last about a month. This means a Svelte devotee will be spending £300 a year in the quest for taughter thighs.

The company justifies the price by blinding with science anyone who enquires too closely. According to company literature it took six years of laboratory research to create Svelte. In a series of glossy flash cards and imposing booklets with titles such as "Growth and Diferentiation of 3T-F442A Preadipocytes in Three-Dimensional Gels of Native Collagen" we learn that the cause of cellulite is adipocytes — the medical term for ordinary fat cells — and that these adipocytes can undergo lipolysis (the medical term for making fat) or lipogenesis (losing fat). Dr France Aubry-Biancarelli, the consultant for Paris Hospitals, tells us that he "saw a loss of centimetres" in a trial panel of 150 women.

Dr Tim Leigh, an expert in clinical nutrition, at Westminster hospital says: "This is not scientific data, it is rubbish. To take such a study seriously, we need a list of hard statistics, more details of how the trials took place and for the results to be published in a peer-review journal."

> 'Whether cellulite exists or not doesn't really matter'

What is clear, however, is that most customers are less likely to be dazzled by medical jargon than by Dior's implicit promise of effortless beauty. "We are not telling people to change their lives, to start exercising and to lead a healthy life. Svelte is very easy to apply. It does not even need to be massaged in and it dries instantly," says Ms Peter.

Dr Nick Walters, an exercise physiologist at the University of Westminster, says: "We cannot become thinner by putting anything on the skin. The only way this can be done is through aerobic exercise, which activates enzymes that push the fat out."

So will women start listening to the voice of reason and chuck their potions away? Not so, according to Newby Hands, the beauty editor of *Harpers & Queen* magazine: "Whether cellulite exists or not doesn't really matter. If you can see you have it, you just want to get rid of it."

Ms Hands admits that many anti-cellulite creams make impossible claims. But she still feels that people should buy them. "If you have spent £25 on a cream to improve your bottom, then it concentrates your mind and effort on that area."

Should bobbies wield the big stick?

Batons may help police to defend themselves but wreck their image

WEAPONS have always been a sensitive issue for Britain's police. When the first constables took to the streets of London in 1829, Robert Peel insisted that the truncheon and rattle (to summon assistance) they carried were to be kept out of sight, in the tail of their frock coat uniform.

The Home Office is now actively considering a change of policy. Long batons of various designs are being demonstrated to ministers and senior civil servants as a possible replacement for the 14-inch truncheons that constables carry in a side pocket. A crucial issue is whether the batons will be openly displayed or remain hidden from view.

There are good reasons why the police want such a weapon. They have good reason to fear those who may become their adversaries. The list of officers being brutally beaten and stabbed increases at an alarming rate. And the growing number of women in the police force adds to pressure for an effective "equaliser".

The common feature of the batons now being considered is their length. They keep an attacker at bay far more effectively than a truncheon.

The baton that the Police Federation has long been pressing the Home Secretary to experiment with has a small side-handle and is commonly used by police forces in America.

Kenneth Clarke refused to authorise experimental trials of this weapon in the wake of the beating of Rodney King by police in Los Angeles two years ago. It was this baton that was used so brutally to subdue him. But pressure from within the police has been unremitting.

There are two reservations about the batons under review. The first is that as the length of the baton increases it travels through a wider arc and the potential for injury increases enormously.

Ironically, the side-handle baton avoids this problem to some extent. The user holds the handle and swings the baton *laterally*. This means that blows will be aimed at the arms, torso and legs, parts of the body at which the police are instructed to aim. A baton that does not incorporate a side-handle (including that currently issued) invites a hammer-blow: striking downwards, where the most likely target will be the head. However, nothing but self-discipline prevents the user gripping the side-handle baton in a normal fashion and delivering hammer-blows.



Holding pattern: police in America using batons

Worse, if it is used as a tomahawk, with the handle becoming in effect an axe-head, then all the energy of the blow is concentrated on an area about the size of a 10p piece, with potentially devastating results.

The second disadvantage is that almost any long baton must be carried openly — Robert Peel's insistence therefore will be overridden.

Police scoff at those who seek to retain the *appearance* of the unarmed bobby, but tradition should not be abandoned too readily. Peel recognised that public acceptance of the police in Britain relied on their not adopting a "formidable appearance". The constable was to obtain compliance through respect, not force.

Will the public respect the police officer less if he or she carries a baton openly? Psychologists say that when a person carries a weapon, it dominates our view of them. Anyone who has encountered an American cop will know the extent to which the gun commands attention, even while in its holster.

Whenever a police officer is injured or killed in Britain the suspicion remains that if only he or she had had sufficient equipment it would not have happened. Unfortunately, the evidence is that police weapons do little to reduce police injuries. They might even have an adverse effect, for a big stick may give officers a false sense of security, encouraging them to enter situations they would otherwise avoid.

But genuine fears should not be airily dismissed. Police could be given greater protection without disturbing the longstanding image of the police officer.

First, the police are inadequately trained in unarmed self-defence. The side-handled baton will require an investment in training time. If that time were diverted to proper instruction in unarmed combat, it could make a considerable difference to officers' effectiveness. Second, officers could carry spray cans of tear-gas to disable attackers.

A campaign is currently being waged within the police, under the slogan Protect the Protectors. The police do need protection, but so too does the valuable tradition of the unarmed bobby.

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■ Please give me back my isobars and centigrade and occluded fronts

On the night of June 10, how oppressed were you? Did you lie supine on what felt like a nether millstone, staring in sleepless apprehension at its beetling upper? Did you find yourself tossed fitfully from one brief febrile nightmare to another? Or did you merely wake once, go "Phew!", and rebury your face in your sopping pillow to zizz dreamlessly on until the Teasmade gurgled?

You will object that this is none of my damned business, but I shall counter that, on the contrary, it is everybody's. Since I myself — I have no secrets — hit the sack on the last stroke of June 10 and slept in undisturbed comfort until June 11 was well under way, it seems to me important to know precisely what the BBC meant when they over-printed last Thursday's lunchtime weather map with the stark capitalised warning: "OPPRESSIVE NIGHT". Indeed, when the message first flashed upon the screen, I thought it might not have anything to do with the weather at all; you can never be entirely sure about meteorological broadcasts these days, you see a little umbrella and you think, right then, rain, but it turns out to be nothing more than Legal & General's sponsoring logo, so who was to say "OPPRESSIVE NIGHT" might not be — what? — some raunchy new aftershave, perhaps, or the latest entry to the Dulux emulsion colour chart, or even some gleefully controversial film release, Sharon Stone, say, stranded in a tacky Everglades motel, Michael Douglas on the lam from the Florida State Pen and sweating his way towards her across the swamps. But it turned out to be none of these; it was simply the Meteorological Office expressing a professional opinion.

Not, however, expressing it very professionally. And worse was to come: when, a little later, I switched on again, I think it was Channel 4 this time, the word "STICKY" ran from Anglesey to Hull. Was this more informative than "OPPRESSIVE", or less? Who could say? You couldn't even say which was (a) more oppressive, or (b) stickier, it all rather depended on the individual who was being oppressed or stuck, and also on what he or she was being oppressed by or stuck to. In short, these were highly subjective value-judgments, nodding, furthermore (some might even say nudging) towards unacceptably intimate assumptions about the nation's plans for the imminent night. Who is the Met Office to say what it takes to oppress me? Under what circumstances do they feel competent to imagine that I shall become sticky?

So, having slumbered unoppressed and woken bone-dry, I rang the Basingstoke Weather Centre, put these misgivings to them, and discovered it to be just as I had feared: a decision had been taken to make weather broadcasts more accessible. Well, of course: accessibility is, after all, so much more important than accuracy in these caring days, and in a world where viewers are deemed to be so unlettered as to be likely to get soaked unless they are forewarned by an animated squirting cloud, it is clearly too much to hope they will know what to do with the information that the nocturnal temperature will be 20°C and the humidity 90%, i.e. decide for themselves whether they will be sticky or not. And even though concern for the educationally challenged may be admirable, that would seem to be as far as political rectitude goes, for "sticky" is an impermissibly Eurocentrist word. Last Thursday, there must have been many a misled British Bengali who woke shivering in the small hours, cried "Call this sticky?", and went off to get a couple of extra blankets.

I wonder if the Met Office realises that any respect we hold it in depends entirely upon the authority betokened by manifest expertise? Faith in Ian McCaskill or Suzanne Charlton is vested exclusively in their ability to bang on confidently about troughs and isobars and occluded fronts; we laymen do not want to switch on to see a map dotted with "A BIT PARKY" and "TURNED OUT NICE AGAIN" while little animated cats and dogs fall on East Anglia and brass monkeys hover over the Cairngorms, and we want even less to see Michael Fish waving a bit of shrivelled seaweed and a couple of fircones to endorse his professional opinion that he wouldn't send his mother-in-law out on a night like this.



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The black man's burden

Bombing other countries for the sake of good television is an immoral new twist to American policy

Simon Jenkins

So that was Somalia, that was. I have been wondering which war would send the United Nations packing first, Somalia or Bosnia? The former has my bet. This week's bombardment of Mogadishu means one of two things. Either President Clinton actually wants the warlord Mohammad Aidid to win and thought that some bombs would boost his standing, or American foreign policy is now totally deranged.

The first thesis makes crude sense. Since America cut and ran from Somalia six weeks ago, anarchy has returned, despite the continued presence of 12,000 UN troops. There was some point in giving a publicity coup to a local bullyboy, and no better coup than for American planes to bombard his neighbourhood from the air and disembowel a few women and children (with the usual drivel about surgical targeting). Mogadishu is currently united against America and the UN and behind Mr Aidid. We must hope Mr Clinton bombed the best man.

But is Washington this smart? Bombing people is now the defining image of America's commitment to foreign civil wars. It is weakness parading as strength. As in Vietnam and Cambodia, so in Tripoli, Baghdad, Beirut, Mogadishu — but not, thank God, Bosnia — the boy in the bomber has shown his talent for counterproductive warfare. He is remarkably effective: ask Pol Pot, Gaddafi, Assad, Saddam Hussein, now Mohammad Aidid, all glued to their thrones by American air power. The bomber sometimes hits his target. He never achieves his goal.

Had the Americans wanted to "disarm" Mr Aidid — a futile exercise with most of his weapons long dispersed to the country — they should have used ground troops. Instead, with their troops out of danger, they use aircraft with menacing names such as Spectre and Cobra. It is like sending an axeman to perform heart surgery. When asked if the mayhem might do more harm than good, a Washington official said, "We are going to smack them as they need to be smacked." The American UN ambassador suggested that Mr Aidid should "restore law and order in his ruined homeland", while her planes were trying to kill him. The confusion and the terror are American not Somalian. Mr Aidid is delighted at the accolade. Why does Washington not just admit, tracer looks better on television?

What is so extraordinary about the Somalian fiasco is its predictability. This was an operation staged for the media: marines storming ashore, natives waving flowers, brief period of joy, peacekeepers turned enforcers, "unfortunate" atrocities, demoralised public opinion back home, withdrawal covered by bombing and shelling to make failure less palpable. We saw it in Beirut. In Somalia, America has so tarnished the UN peacekeepers, so enmeshed them with Mr Clinton's domestic politics, that they too may have to withdraw. For the moment, most of the aid agencies that used UN protection are back in their bunkers. This is obscene.

Reading back over the coverage of last December's landings, I am amazed at its naïvety. The media goaded a lame-duck President Bush into the Somalia operation. It was, said *The New York Times*, "a world scandal" waiting to be righted. Uncle Sam would do the job. Each comment had a let-out clause. Intervention was pointless if "the thugs are not disarmed" and if no "parallel political process" is established. Nobody asked whether these crucial conditions were remotely practicable. Nobody cared. This was the new gung-ho, bombs-and-bullets humanitarian world order.

There was no way the Somalian venture could have brought more than a temporary ceasefire. Even 28,000 soldiers cannot disarm a nation, let alone bring peace and democracy in six months. The strategy of restoring law and order and handing stable administration over to the UN was ludicrous, and the Americans knew it. Hence the American special envoy Robert Oakley's courting of Mohammad Aidid as a possible source of restored authority. Mr Oakley's government now appears to want him dead.

Many of the aid agencies this week complained about American bombing raids, yet what did they expect from the moment the marines came ashore? Do they not read history. The agencies remain the real heroes of Mogadishu. They must now hope the UN gets out. They must reassert their independence, buy their own protection and let Somalians resume their bloody search for a new regime. If only half the resources spent by Mr Clinton on shells, missiles, bullets and aviation fuel this past week had been given to the Red Cross and others, Somalia might be a more peaceful place. Once again the world has been shown the importance of segregating humanitarian relief from military intervention. Few countries seemed more anarchic than Somalia in 1992, but even Somalia had money and food. Civil conflict, most noticeably in the towns, was impeding distribution to markets as well as looting the charities' stores. There was widespread lawlessness. But many other places were even poorer and more anarchic. Why America chose Somalia rather than Liberia, Sudan or Mozambique is a mystery. These may be unappealing political entities to the Western mind, but they are no threat to Western interests, to world stability or security. They are proper objects of charity, but not for soldiers and so-called "peacekeepers" who contrive neither to fight nor keep the peace.

Many European nations tried to impose order and stability on Africa in the last century. Some, notably Britain, did it reasonably well, but the effort was difficult and expensive. As Kathryn Tidrick points out in her *Empire and the English Character*, British administrators were expected to dedicate their lives to the task. They were trained to govern, not to exploit or despoil — whatever the motives of their masters back home. From Nigeria to Natal, from Sudan to Tanganyika, young men hurled themselves into Africa with astonishing selflessness. Two out of three died doing the job. Few became rich. Wilfrid Thesiger's memoir of the Sudan political service and Baron Lugard's Nigerian writings testify to their commitment. The concept of indirect rule, of building consent on local power structures, was imbued in them all. To have to call in armed force to impose peace was considered a disgrace.

America appears to have embarked on a parody of Lord Milner's moral imperialism. Presidents Bush and Clinton have both implied that disorder or inhumanity anywhere on earth is a threat to America's spiritual wellbeing and may be countered with force. This is a novel projection of American power. The Cold War had specific friends and enemies. This new enemy is diffuse, almost global. "Good cause" intervention knows no boundaries. It can invade, sanction, suppress, bomb. But it can do something else. When America gets hurt or bored, as in Lebanon and Somalia, it can get up and go. With the captains and the kings there depart also the camera crews. The bodies left lying in the dust are a by-product of virtue rewarded.

If the West really wishes to instruct the world in self-government, it should do so properly. If we want to invade African countries to make their inhabitants be nice to each other, we must invade and stay. We must help govern, arrest rebels, supply judges, train policemen, build roads. We must not ban African ivory, shut out exports, disarm and then rearm dictators. If the vogue concept of the UN protectorate is to mean anything, it means the whole hog. Powerful nations must eschew interest, discard "domestic agendas" and commit their young people to Woodrow Wilson's dream of world government. They must take up the white man's burden. Otherwise the UN will just stumble from one blood-stained demonstration to another.

I believe there is no shred of public support for such intervention on either side of the Atlantic. Opinion may demand that something be done, but only enough to remove distressing pictures from the West's television screens. Roosevelt's fifth freedom would be freedom from anguish over dinner. This is an immoral basis for foreign policy, let alone for world government.

Such meddling was reduced to absurdity in Somalia this week. American gunships terrorised Mogadishu, and frantic Pakistanis were deceived into shooting demonstrators. Beware of those who say, "Ah but I would have done it differently". It is always done this way. So remember, if you wish to relieve famine in Africa, give to a reputable charity. Do not give to a boy in a bomber who says he is "enforcing peace".

Ideals behind the policies

Tories must explain their beliefs, says **Malcolm Rifkind**

A criticism often directed against the government is that it has no vision, that people find it difficult to know what the Tories' objectives are, that we are too engrossed in detail and in responding to crises. The suggestion is that we have run out of steam.

The charge is incorrect, but as it is widely believed we cannot ignore it. Our most important priority is to spell out our vision and our ideals for the next decade in a manner which will reassure our supporters, frustrate our critics and inspire the public.

Ministers must be seen as statesmen, not merely as politicians. We must demonstrate that each of our policies and reforms is the product of sound values and principles, not merely the logical consequence of some controversial ideology. Logic has, after all, been defined as the art of going wrong with confidence.

Some of our difficulties have arisen from a widespread belief that all the Conservatives stand for is low inflation, privatisation and cutting public expenditure. That each of these is crucial to our material well-being is undoubtedly true, but that is beside the point. They are means not ends, but are often presented as if they are, by themselves, the promised land to which we aspire. As a result we are portrayed unfairly by our opponents as unimaginative ideologues.

The reality is that we have noble and inspiring ideals and aspirations that can be shared by the nation as a whole, and we should not be ashamed of expressing them. Our political opponents share some of these aspirations, but not our judgment about how to achieve them.

Central to our vision is the belief that man has the technical capacity to create a well-educated, prosperous society, and that the key to success is the liberal, capitalist free-enterprise system. The collapse of socialist command economies in Eastern Europe and the Third World, and the near universal adoption of democratic free-enterprise are tributes to the Conservatives and to like-minded parties in other Western countries.

But we have still not fulfilled our potential. Pockets of poverty remain; millions are unemployed; public services are still capable of vast improvement; higher education is still the privilege of only a minority, though a large and growing one.

So we should be unequivocal in declaring our strategy for this parliament and for this decade. It is to enable all in society to enjoy the prosperity that the majority already know. It is to improve the management of our economy, which will in turn assist the private sector to expand and offer employment to all who want it. It is to ensure that education is of a quality that not only enables all young people to realise their full career potential, but encourages them to be educated participants in a mature and cultured society. It is to provide the means of ensuring that our elderly enjoy their retirement without fear of penury or inadequate medical provision.

These are the objectives and ideals for which low inflation, privatisation and proper control of public expenditure are some of the necessary means. We need to devote further effort to explaining why low inflation and control of public expenditure are not just the obsessions of economists, and why without them we cannot eliminate poverty and ensure economic growth. We need to show that privatisation and deregulation are being introduced not for ideological reasons, but because the experience of every nation is that politicians and civil servants are not as good at running businesses and industry as the people at the sharp end who need to be responsive to the market to prosper. Perhaps we should stop using the phrase "the market economy", with all its theoretical connotations, and refer instead to the millions of people in Britain and around the world who need to be persuaded to buy our services and products.

Some people talk as if the state were an evil, and as if governments should be excluded as much as possible from the life of the ordinary citizen. But this was never a true Tory belief. The state has a duty to protect the citizen, to oblige him to carry out his legal duties and to take such ameliorative action as can assist the public welfare. This requires a radical programme of economic reforms, to enable the wealth-producers in industry and other sectors of the economy to use their skills and entrepreneurial flair to increase growth and maximise productivity.

Meanwhile our legislative and regulatory powers should be used to improve public services, making them more responsive to the wishes and needs of individual citizens. We wish to enable all adults to take their own decisions, wherever possible, about employment, housing, the welfare and the education of their families. This means providing for those who through disability, infirmity or unwelcome unemployment cannot provide for themselves.

These ideals do not mean trying to create an egalitarian society by redistributive means, nor should they involve the government seeking to do for its citizens what they should be capable of doing for themselves. The equality we seek must be equality of opportunity, but given our different talents and priorities the results will remain unmistakably unequal. There is nothing wrong with that.

With such an unashamed and unequivocal strategy and vision we shall not only win the next general election, we shall deserve to.

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Hunt the footage

THIS may come as a surprise to James Hunt's army of fans, but no documentary film has ever been made about the Formula One champion's career. Neither the British Film Institute nor the BBC — its 1976 Championship tribute apart — can recall any film made about Hunt. Other, that is, than the one made by Prix Italia-winning documentary director Frank Cvitanovich.

However, that documentary, which began life by looking at Hunt's patron, Lord Hesketh and his Formula One car, the Hesketh 308, was never screened. Thames Television, which commissioned the uncompleted film, is now likely to be scourings its vaults for the as-yet-unedited footage.

Cvitanovich, who knew Hunt well during his years as a racer, would like to see his film screened "just for the old memories". Once married to Janet Street-Porter, the Canadian director is one of the country's most decorated film directors, winning a Prix Italia in 1976 for a distinctly non-Formula One film about a Yorkshire farmer and his shirehorses.

He remembers Hunt fondly. In the mid 1970s, when Cvitanovich was working on a documentary about Barry Sheen. *Barry Sheen — Daytona '75*, he would often meet Hesketh, Sheen and Hunt to talk about projects. "We had some good nights out, bachelors' nights which featured serious attacks on the champagne stocks of several well-known West End clubs. Although I haven't seen him much recently, I have very happy memories of our nights out on the town."

A car named Desire

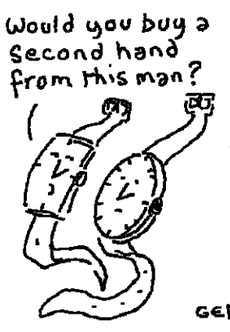
IT MAY NOT be the car in which he won the world championship, but it is the one James Hunt will be remembered for. So where is the Hesketh 308 Formula One car which was initially written off as a joke by racing experts?

The car was sold in 1989 to the Lindsay brothers, who have a collection at Folly Farm, Hungerford. They paid between £60,000 and £70,000 for it. Four years on, racing experts say the car, once the pride and joy of Lord Hesketh, might fetch £100,000.

By comparison, Stirling Moss's Vanwall car — the one in which he was runner-up in the 1958 world championship — is expected to fetch between £600,000 and £800,000 at a racing-car auction at Goodwood racecourse on Saturday.

Robert Brook, whose London company is staging Saturday's auction, had invited Hunt. "Unfortunately, he was already committed to a children's charity event in London," says Brook. "While there is great sentimental interest in the Hesketh car, it cannot compete with those from the 1950s. The Stirling Moss car is in a different league. But its time will come."

● *At least the watchmakers are profiting from Michael Mates's unfortunate association with Asil Nadir. Sekonda is so impressed with the response to its advertisement, which pictures a watch, engraved with "Don't let the buggers wind you up", that it is looking for variations on the theme. The classic "On your retirement" perhaps?*





Still shuffling

BARONESS THATCHER may have come out in favour of John Major, but some of her acolytes are having difficulty in arriving at the same conclusion. Edward Leigh, for instance, sacked from his post as trade minister in the recent reshuffle, is still considering whether to make a Lamont-style speech of indignation.

Leigh, who was a secretary to Mrs Thatcher while she was the leader of the Opposition, dropped an ominous hint about what he has in mind at a fundraising dinner for the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund in College Gardens, Westminster, on Monday night. "I might make one. I have not decided yet. I am thinking about it. I am keeping my options open," he said.

● *Tory Marlow, who called for John Major to go yesterday, was one of the first Tory MPs to demand the same of Margaret Thatcher. Yet only hours after Lady Thatcher announced her resignation, Marlow declared at prime minister's question time: "It is a time of sadness for her, bearing in mind the great well of affection for her that exists throughout the House, and a time of happiness in celebration of what has been, is and will remain the greatest peacetime political reign of this century." But whatever will he find to say about Major? The greatest peacetime political resignation of this century?*

Squabble at Aunty's

ACCORDING to insiders at BBC Television Centre, Martyn Lewis has been banned from ever mentioning his preference for "good" news over "bad" again. So how did he come to be in London's West End yesterday attacking Jeremy Paxman, the *Newsnight* rottweiler who so comprehensively condemned Lewis's views when they were first advanced in April?

At a Foyles literary lunch at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Lewis was clearly still smarting from Paxman's attack. "I saw Jeremy recently after his stinging and distorted attack on me. He said he had received 45 letters, 41 of which were abusing him. But then he said he had attacked me my speech not having read it."

This interpretation of events surprises Paxman. "The whole thing is a matter of supreme inconsequentiality to me, but it is complete tosh. It is true that the majority of letters were supporting him, but I never said I hadn't read his speech. He really ought to learn to get his facts straight. The whole of the BBC has been plagued by Martyn Lewis running around the building handing out copies of his extraordinary speech. He's a hazard that man."

● *As if Sir Norman Fowler has not been through enough. The Conservative party chairman drew the biggest laugh when he won one of the raffle prizes at Monday night's parliamentary tug-of-war. He won two free tickets for a ringside seat to watch more battles. Not within the Conservative party, for a change, but at the Royal Tournament.*

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GOOD POLITICS

Mr Clarke made a confident start in office last night

Kenneth Clarke's Mansion House speech showed what it means to have a "political" Chancellor — in the best sense of that word. The policy content of the speech was nothing more than a rearrangement of past Treasury statements. It offered no convincing reassurances to businessmen and consumers about how the government would sustain the recovery, nor to financiers and Tory backbenchers about how the government's borrowing requirement would be curbed. Yet the speech will probably succeed in persuading industry, the City and the Conservative party that the country now has a Chancellor who is on all their sides.

Mr Clarke said nothing definite about sterling and reiterated his view that Britain should not rejoin the exchange-rate mechanism in the foreseeable future. Yet he also pinned his colours to the pro-European mast. He even managed to pay tribute to Norman Lamont, while complimenting John Major for his long term vision and "fixity of purpose".

The Chancellor achieved all this by the simple device of sounding confident. This was not just a matter of Mr Clarke's tone and delivery. Although in winning public confidence it certainly helps to sound like a man who is speaking from the heart, it is even more important to find something both plausible and optimistic to say. Mr Clarke has always been a master at describing a half-empty glass as half-full, and fortunately for him there is at least as much reason to celebrate as to lament in Britain's economic circumstances at present.

If one were to judge the economy by the internecine battles raging within the Conservative party and the Cabinet, the central economic reality in Britain is impending national bankruptcy. Whenever Conservative politicians speak about economics these days their main message seems to be the dreadful choice the government will soon have to face between swingeing increases in taxes and cuts in public spending. But while Mr Clarke acknowledged the difficulty of "restoring the public finances to better health and back towards balance", he put this task into context with an example of positive comment that is heard too rarely in Britain. "In some ways I face a better combination of circumstances than perhaps any other finance minister in the European Community," he said.

Happily, this is a perfectly valid comment on Britain's economic position. The economy is growing quite strongly, as was underlined yesterday by the good figures on manufacturing output and retail sales. Inflation is under control. While the PSBR gives cause for concern, it is not bad enough to cause undue alarm in the business community or the financial markets.

Why then the mood of near panic over taxes and public spending in the Conservative party and among political opinion-formers. As Mr Clarke explained quite clearly in his speech yesterday the fundamental reviews of government spending being conducted by the Treasury are not intended to meet an impending crisis in public finances, but to ensure that spending remains under control in the long-term and does not continue to increase as a proportion of national income. As for taxes, big increases have already been announced for next year by Norman Lamont, and it is too soon to conclude whether they will be sufficient to narrow the PSBR gap. On this point Mr Clarke is rightly keeping his options open.

If Mr Clarke is sincere in his promises to support British industry and to restore the economic self-confidence and enterprise culture of the 1980s, he will want to emphasise economic growth rather than fiscal austerity as the best way of bringing public borrowing back under control. If he does, he has a good chance of proving that his famous self-confidence is justified in full.

GOOD NEWS OUT OF AFRICA

Malawi and Nigeria shine a light from the dark continent

Not all the news from Africa is bad. The massacre of more than 300 civilians in Liberia, the upsurge in fighting in Angola, the downward spiral of political thuggery in Zaire and the bloody shootings in Somalia have reinforced an image of a continent where democracy is lost in violent darkness. Yet at the same time comes the most heartening news from Africa for decades: the people of Malawi, oppressed, tortured and silenced for 30 years by the petty dictatorship of a doting megalomaniac, have queued patiently to cast an orderly vote for freedom and political pluralism. And further north in Nigeria, Africa's most populous country, voters have broken a depressing pattern of violence and military rule to elect a new Social Democratic president, who promises to restore a broad-based civilian government.

In both countries the elections were peaceful and momentous. The decisive vote in Malawi to end the one-party state marks the end of the post-colonial era and explodes the myth of the "anti-imperialist struggle" — that democracy is inapplicable to developing countries, and that only a strong ruler, unhampered by opposition, can lead his country to a new dawn. An entire generation of Malawians, reared on such pernicious pap, has seen through these bogus claims.

Their bravery in voting for democracy will be difficult to translate into change. President Banda has given no sign that he is willing to step down. The referendum was forced on him by western pressure, the defiance of the church and middle-class intellectuals, and the promptings of his entourage which believed that a cosmetic adjustment to the prevailing fashion for human rights would be enough to keep the aid flowing and foreign pressure at bay. There is no mechanism for legitimising the formerly underground opposition; Chakufwa Chihana, leader of the Alliance for Democracy, was released from prison only last Saturday, and his supporters, especially in the south, are in no mood for easy coalition with the Malawi Congress party, filled as it is with men certain to resist any curtailing of their power and privileges.

The referendum has also inevitably raised expectations which will be hard to fulfil. Malawi is mired in poverty, and President Banda's ruthless exploitation of the countryside has left a nation whose longing to escape penury cannot find swift satisfaction. On the other hand, the discipline enforced by years of intimidation has left Malawians subdued, calm and anxious to avoid violent upheaval. The opposition leaders have called for reconciliaton and appealed for no recriminations; but their patience may be severely tested if President Banda — "the black cock" as he is known in his country — tries still to rule the roost.

The Malawi referendum and the election in Nigeria were commendably free from outside interference and, despite attempts to abort or delay them, were sufficiently conclusive to enforce change. In both countries the victors are acutely aware of the danger of stirring ethnic and sectarian hatred, and will work for as orderly a transition as possible. No longer can any political group mask dictatorial ambitions in anti-colonial rhetoric, nor can rulers defy democracy by invoking economic exigency.

SWING, SWING TOGETHER

Remember the days of swift oars and dirty laughter

It is a safe bet, in a branch of historiography where superlatives are always a provocation, to state that today is the first time that an ancient Greek trireme will row on the Tideway to the Houses of Parliament while a production of Aristophanes' *Lysistrata* is in performance on the South Bank. The trireme Olympias is a Greek naval warship and scholars' toy, laboriously reconstructed out of hints and indirections in the sources, from vase paintings to archaeological remains of the shipsheds to infuriatingly imprecise references in the literary texts, and arising out of a classic exchange of correspondence in *The Times* in 1975. Today its 170 oars will row it to a ceremony to present the British Parliament with an ancient Athenian stele inscribed with an inspiring message about the sometimes camouflaged benefits of democracy. Peter Hall's bawdy production of *Lysistrata* at the Old Vic, with bared (though false) bottoms and boobs, is already provoking disgusted walk-outs and saucy headlines in the newspapers.

It is a romantic fallacy that the past can be exactly recreated. Wordsworth and the other lake poets were no more proper rustics of a golden age than Marie Antoinette was a practical milkmaid who could handle a difficult old cow. This modern trireme is only a speculative reconstruction, built with nice scholarship and skill; but there is still controversy about its design and performance. On present form, it would have been out of its depth at the Battle of Salamis. The *Lysistrata* in English in a modern commercial theatre is loaded with modern memories, expectations and resonances that would have been been meaningless to Aristophanes and his festival audience.

But such reconstructions of the past are powerful exercises, none the less. However hypothetical, this modern trireme is a noble sight under oars, even on the far northern Thames. Its construction has taught the scholars historical lessons. The two cubits of oarsman's room, mentioned by Herodotus as one of the few hard facts in a trireme's construction, can now be seen to have been longer archaic cubits, not the smaller Attic ones. This older measurement would have been more ergonomically efficient for the oarsmen in the two lower tiers, packed into a hull 37 metres long, cramped and sweating, and unable to see their blades. Modern pulling masters need electronic amplifiers as well as penny-whistles to keep their crews in time with the deliberate stroke.

Popular reconstructions help to explain the past. The *Lysistrata* has surprisingly contemporary points from 24 centuries ago to make about the rights of women and the longing for peace. The reproduction trireme, warship of the original democracy, is still a potent symbol of citizen power and pulling together for the common good. *Lysistrata* and trireme are old visual aids from the dawn of our civilisation, not just toys. They can help even those who care for none of these things to see the relevance of our ancient cultural roots, out of which the perilous and doubtful future must always grow.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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When courage fails on arts grants

From Mr Charles Morgan

Sir, Thank goodness at least one member of the Arts Council, Lord Rix, is prepared to make a stand against what he has referred to as the council's "fatuous so-called policies" (report, June 8). Is it too much to hope that his resignation as chairman of the drama panel will give more members of the council courage to speak out against the damage being inflicted upon the arts?

It had seemed that the Arts Council would proceed happily with the government's directive to cut £5 million from next year's grant allocation and that it would seek to use fashionable gobbledygook to dress up the cut as progress.

But how many members really agree with the recent statement of their secretary-general that "it is because enrichment is our objective that the Arts Council is planning a contraction of the portfolio of arts organisations which it supports"?

The review of the Arts Council by Price Waterhouse, commissioned by the Department of National Heritage (report, June 5, later editions), called for a reaffirmation of the "arm's length principle". That counts for nothing if members of the council do not speak their own mind.

For at least ten years it has seemed that only those who were "one of us" (Mrs Thatcher's infamous phrase) were invited to serve. With the exception of the chairmen, the Lords Rees-Mogg and Palumbo, members of the council have become virtually anonymous.

Lord Rix's resignation alone will not save any of the arts organisations threatened with closure by the government's candle-end economies, but if it helps to provoke further protest about impending cuts and greater recognition of the need for a genuinely independent Arts Council, he will have done far more for the arts than any of his former colleagues who continue to serve in silent acquiescence.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES MORGAN,
93 Admirals Walk, Westcliff Road,
Bournemouth, Dorset.
June 8.

From Sir Alan Peacock, FBA, FRSE

Sir, Lord Palumbo's courteous and persuasive letter to the Heritage Secretary ("Dear Peter ... Yours, Peter", Arts, June 10) about arts funding is marred by a wholly suspect contention about the "unqualified success" of the arts in financial terms. He uses as his measure the tax payback to the Treasury from subsidised arts organisations, asserting that every £1 of subsidy "generates" £2 of tax revenue.

This curious measure defeats its own purpose. As a retired but still part-time self-employed person I receive no subsidy but generate tax revenue of about 35 per cent of my earnings. The Treasury's "investment" in me is £0, so the rate of return on their investment is infinite!

Any business not in receipt of subsidy which generates a positive tax revenue is "more successful" than any subsidised arts organisation, given Lord Palumbo's own measure of success.

Instead of emphasising the questionable material benefits derived from the subsidised arts, surely Lord Palumbo and his friends should base their case on the much more fundamental point that they believe the arts are good for us and that, at the margin, they may provide more individual satisfaction per £ spent than other forms of government expenditure?

Not everyone would agree with that proposition, but at least it is testable. Whether our cultural patricians are prepared to pay any attention to surveys of public attitudes to the arts in preparing their case is, of course, another matter.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN PEACOCK
(Chairman, Scottish Arts Council: member, Arts Council of Great Britain, 1986-92),
146-4 Whitehouse Loan,
Edinburgh 9.

From Mr John Carewe

Sir, It was with some dismay that I read Lord Palumbo's open letter to Peter Brooke. Not that I disagree with one word, only that the argument should have to be based upon such commercial terms. When, oh when, are we going to learn that cultural matters transcend balanced books?

I am about to take up the position of general music director of Chemnitz in eastern Germany. The town has a population of nearly 300,000 yet boasts a repertory theatre with more than 30 full-time actors; an opera company of 43 solo singers and a choir of 58; a ballet company of 30; and the complete technical staff to support all these, plus an orchestra of 120 players. In all, about 600 people provide theatre, musicals, operetta, opera, ballet and concerts.

The subvention from central government this year is DM40 million (approximately £16 million), which will increase next year by 12 per cent to meet the planned economic joining of the two Germanys.

Germany is in recession, and the east part severely so, but they recognise that culture is the lifeblood of their society. So do the French, the Italians and the Dutch. In Europe it seems it is only the British who must equate culture with commerce.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CAREWE,
50 Great Percy Street, WC1.

Piety and politics on school tests

From Mr Nick Seaton and Mrs Katie Ivens

Sir, In their letter of June 11, Robin Wilson, chairman of the Headmasters' Conference, and Joan Jefferson, president of the Girls' Schools Association, deplore the statements in favour of objective tests for pupils in the state sector, supported by 128 distinguished individuals and published in our advertisement in your newspaper (June 7). The position they take is at odds with the education system which they describe as prevalent in the schools they represent.

Since they oppose what we support (objective testing and publishing results) and support what we oppose (the boycott by the major teachers' unions), will they now renounce the Common Entrance and kindred scholarship and entrance examinations by which they select pupils for the establishments which they represent?

Will they reject the system of weekly, termly and yearly tests and examinations, with reported, graded results, which parents expect, and customarily get, from the private sector?

Would they support an organised boycott of these tests by teachers in the private sector?

And may we now expect the public schools to cease to publish their public examination and university entrance successes?

Instead of denying to state-school pupils what can be bought in the private sector, would it not be more constructive to offer tests used by the private sector for future use by the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority?

As for their final, pious, statement that teachers readily give their full commitment "when they accept the sense of what they are asked to do", we must warn that this acceptance is unlikely to extend to a national system of objective testing.

Indeed, we should be surprised if Sir Ron Dearing's much heralded review failed to confirm a demand by the main teachers' unions for teacher-controlled, subjective assessment only, with no requirement to publish results.

Yours sincerely,
NICK SEATON (Chairman),
KATIE IVENS (Vice-chairman),
Campaign for Real Education,
18 Westland Grove,
Stockton Lane, York.

From Mr Alan R. Gillott

Sir, Perhaps now is the time to remind the government that, assuming it wishes to resume testing in 1994, teachers should be receiving guideline materials now in time to prepare for the beginning of the school year.

The government may also need reminding that it was the School Examinations and Assessment Council's failure to provide materials in time for 1993 testing that partly precipitated the whole debacle that led to the unions hijacking a simple example of maladministration into a national political issue.

Teachers use the last half of the summer term, while GCSE pupils are taking their exams, to prepare their materials, review the set books, and prepare teaching strategies so that they can use the summer holidays productively. If this year's "Patten" of late guidelines, late sample papers and late set books (which should have been announced last winter to give publishers time to print the requisite copies) is to be repeated, then the government should look very seriously at postponing official national curriculum testing at 14 until 1995.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN R. GILLOTT,
3 Burcott Road, Purley, Surrey.

From Mr George Trefgarne

Sir, Mr Keith Ebbutt (letter, June 11) outlines his case against the use of league tables to publish school exam results. He says: "League tables lead to differentiation of schools into the successful and the failing." Is that not the case for league tables?

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE TREFGARNE,
The Old Barn, Kettlewell Close,
Horsell, Nr Woking, Surrey.

Beating terrorism

From Mr David Trimble, MP for Upper Bann (Ulster Unionist)

Sir, The single minister in control of a unified national anti-terrorist agency, called for by Sir Edward Heath ("Outflank the IRA bombers", June 10), will be hamstrung without a single comprehensive UK-wide anti-terrorist legal code.

We in the Ulster Unionist party have advocated the latter for several years. The Criminal Justice Bill before the Commons creates a single UK-wide code on drug trafficking offences. It also amends the law in Northern Ireland on terrorist financing. Yet the government has rebuffed our call that this should apply throughout the UK, a call supported by Lord Colville in his report last month on the operation of the Northern Ireland Emergency Provisions Act.

As Lord Colville says (Hansard report of standing committees, June 8, col 116)

> This appears to me to be an area where additional resources deployed by the government and the security forces could have an impact out of all proportion to the costs involved. Finance is essential to the terrorists, and the more we deprive them of access to funds, the more we will reduce their capacity to wage their campaigns of violence.

The opportunity to use the Criminal Justice Bill for this purpose still exists. All that stands in the way is the inability of the government departments concerned to get their act together.

Sincerely,
DAVID TRIMBLE,
House of Commons.
June 10.

Support from the rear

From Mr Denis Meehan

Sir, You report today that the former prime minister has called on the party to "throw its weight behind John Major". In your later editions you also quote her remarks to ITN: "There can be no question of a leadership challenge *at the moment*. Any such challenge would be ill-judged and *ill-timed*" (my emphasis).

If I were John Major, such time-limited support would make me watch my back very closely indeed.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS MEEHAN,
238 Upper Richmond Road, SW15.
June 15.

From Mr Duncan Heenan

Sir, Now that Mr Major has Lady Thatcher's endorsement, is his position *unassailable*?

Yours sincerely,
DUNCAN HEENAN,
21 Gotherington Lane,
Bishops Cleeve,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

French for motorway

From Miss C. M. Howard

Sir, Sorry to spoil the fun (letters, June 12) but our M25 is already referred to in reputable French newspapers as *le contournement de Londres*. I have also seen *le superpériphérique*. The first title needs a context, roads, to be understood. The discussed orbital route for Paris is known as *le contournement de Paris*.

Yours faithfully,
C. M. HOWARD,
1 Christie House,
Bexleyheath, Kent.

Mogadishu air strike

From Mr Peter Hopkirk

Sir, To employ the awesome firepower of the US air force in Mogadishu in order to take a Somali warlord out of circulation (report, June 14) seems a trifle overdoing it. Surely there are more discreet and effective ways of dealing with such nuisances.

While he would be too modest to remind us of it, in 1942, as a young SAS officer, Sir Fitzroy Maclean spirited away a troublesome pro-Nazi Persian general from his Isfahan headquarters with the aid of his batman, the redoubtable guardsman Duncan.

Admittedly, in case things went amiss, a platoon of Seaforth Highlanders, armed to the teeth, waited near by in plain vans. But they were not needed. Shortly afterwards, Maclean drove away from the general's residence with his prisoner sitting bolt upright beside him — a pistol pressed discreetly to his ribs. As they swept through the gates, the unsuspecting Persian sentry presented arms and the general duly returned the salute.

The captive was driven to a remote landing strip where an RAF aircraft waited to fly him to exile in Palestine. After the war, when he was no longer a threat, he was allowed to return home.

What on earth has happened to the much-vaunted US Special Forces? Perhaps we should bring back Sir Fitzroy Maclean and Guardsman Duncan.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HOPKIRK,
32 Quarrendon Street,
Parsons Green, SW6.
June 14.

Chess initiatives

From Mr David Sedgwick

Sir, Mr Bruce Birchall (letter, June 5) refers to the importance of the forthcoming Kasparov-Short match to the development of chess in this country. He does not mention the anguish caused to the chess community in Manchester and the North-west by the circumstances in which the match will now be played.

Your readers would be quite wrong to conclude that no new initiatives are taking place under the auspices of the British Chess Foundation.

For example, the Southern Counties Chess Union (of which I am deputy president) has recently announced an international rating tournament to take place in London in mid-August — a development which illustrates the continuing importance of the International Chess Federation, Fide, to players who aspire to reach international class.

The vast majority of British organisers are dedicated to the development of local, national and international chess, and continue to make their contributions, despite the difficulties and distractions caused by the breakaway supported by your newspaper.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SEDGWICK,
23 Tierney Court,
Canning Road,
Croydon, Surrey.
June 7.

Racism and diet

From Mr Peter Elfer

Sir, Your report, "Curry plot to stem child racism" (June 3), about proposals in Wirral to serve food from different cultures to pre-school children, masks a fundamental issue about racism in young children.

Most types of food, including fish and chips, are linked to an ethnic and cultural tradition. In this sense, all foods are "ethnic" and usually part of a rich and diverse cultural tradition. The key point about countering racism is the need to counter the view that other cultural and ethnic backgrounds are not as valuable as one's own.

Acquiring the belief that one's own culture and tradition are the norm and superior to anyone else's can happen from the earliest stages of learning in young children.

Research has demonstrated that children can display racist attitudes at the age of three and four. Introducing them to different cultures, including different foods, customs and languages, counters the development of racist attitudes.

The government is to be congratulated on issuing detailed guidance on the need to challenge discriminatory practice in the early years.

Local authorities, including Wirral, that are trying to implement this guidance, deserve all the support they can get.

Yours sincerely,
PETER ELFER
(Early Childhood Unit),
National Children's Bureau,
8 Wakley Street, EC1.
June 4.

Family policy

From Dr Marjorie Mowlam, MP for Redcar (Labour)

Sir, Your leading article, "Fatherhood reclaimed" (June 1), arguing for a coherent family policy across government departments, is welcome. However, it is erroneous to write about "family policy" as something quantifiable and easily defined. If society is going to come to terms with the complexity of this issue we must recognise that families come in many shapes and sizes and government policy must reflect that.

Families are the central social unit and the policy areas affected are many. Children's rights are crucial, as children are far from being fine in our society. Indeed, many of the problems facing children have more to do with parental unemployment than problems inherent within families.

The Labour party is addressing these problems. We do not, as stated in your editorial, consider them taboo, nor do we scorn "family values" as authoritarian. Last year, John Smith established the independent Commission for Social Justice, central to which is the whole question of family policy. Additionally, the Family Policy Forum was set up some months ago: a group of frontbench Labour MPs, working together to examine different aspects of family life and family policy in the UK today.

Finally, if Alistair Burt, the social security minister, is serious about improving the lives of families, he should stop thinking of parenting and parental responsibility in terms of bottom-line economics. Apportioning blame is not a constructive beginning. Rather, he should urge his colleagues to re-evaluate economic policies, get people back to work and ease the burden on families. Anything less from a member of the government which created the "me generation", as he put it (report, June 1), would be sheer hypocrisy.

Yours faithfully,
MARJORIE MOWLAM
(Shadow minister for citizens' rights),
House of Commons.

Jobs for the boys?

From Mr R. T. M. Ahern

Sir, You published today a complete list of government. Of the 110 names listed no fewer than 24 come from the Lords. Is this a reflection of how the prime minister thinks a classless society is structured, or does it imply that the balance of the Tory MPs, more than 200 of them, are unemployable?

Yours faithfully,
R. T. M. AHERN,
5 Campden Hill Square, W8.
June 14.

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COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE:
June 15: The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured Ascot Races with her presence today.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE:
June 15: The Duke of York today opened the new Golf Clubhouse, Turnberry Hotel, Ayrshire, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Ayrshire and Arran (Major Richard Henderson).

Captain Neil Blair RN was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE:
June 15: The Princess Royal, Patron, the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit, this morning attended the Annual Conference, New Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London WC2.

Mrs William Nunneley was in attendance.

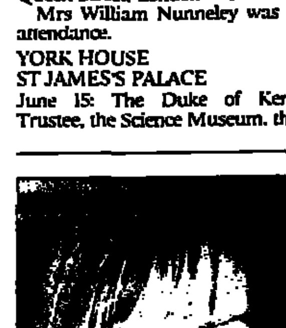
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ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 15: The Duke of Kent, Trustee, the Science Museum, this morning attended a Trustees' Meeting at the Science Museum Wroughton, Red Barn Gate, Wroughton, Swindon, Wiltshire.

Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent, Grand Master, the United Grand Lodge of England, was represented by Mr I L Mackeson-Sandbach at the Memorial Service for the Right Honourable Lord Kenyon which was held at St Chad's Parish Church, Hanmer, Clwyd, this afternoon.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
June 15: Princess Alexandra, Vice President of the British Red Cross Society, this evening attended a Reception and Dinner given by the Edinburgh Branch at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Right Hon the Lord Provost).

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.



Eileen Atkins, the actress, who is 59

Birthdays today

Lord Aberdare, 74; Mr Anthony Abrahams, former chairman, Harpur Trust, 70; Lord Astor of Hever, 47; Lord Patrick Beresford, bloodstock agent, 59; the Hon Neville Berry, 79; Mr James Bolam, actor, 55; Lieutenant-General the Hon Sir Thomas Boyd-Carpenter, 55; Mr T.W. Graveney, cricketer, 66; Mr John Hadfield, author and publisher, 86; Professor H.J. Hanham, vice-chancellor, Lancaster University, 65; Major-General R.W. Jelf, 87; Rt Rev David Konstant, Bishop of Leeds, 63; Mr Rodney Lund, former chairman, Short Brothers, 57; Mr Neil MacGregor, director, National Gallery, 47; Professor Robert Matthews, master, Clare College, Cambridge, 66; Sir John Peel, former MP, 81; Lord Perry of Walton, 72; Mr Enoch Powell, former MP, 81; Lord Richardson, 83; Sir Ralph Robins, chairman, Rolls-Royce, 61; Professor Erich Segal, writer, 56; Sir Nigel Wicks, civil servant, 53; Mr Simon Williams, actor, 47.

Sir Roger Falk

Sir Roger Falk, Vice-President of the Sadler's Wells Trust and Foundation, gave a private dinner at the Garrick Club last night to welcome two newly appointed senior staff members.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York will attend the Royal Naval Association reception at St James's Palace at 7.00.

Prince Edward, as President of the Lord's Taverners, will attend the eve of Lord's test dinner at the London Hilton on Park Lane at 7.15.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a branches' advisory committee meeting and luncheon at Mary Datchelor House, 17 Grove Lane, SE5, at 11.30; and, as Patron of the Victim Support Advisory Board, will attend a board meeting at Church House at 2.00.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent, as patrons, will attend the Twentieth Century American Ball at the Royal Academy at 8.20.

Princess Alexandra will attend a reception at the Royal College of Physicians at 6.30.

Dinner

Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained at dinner last night at Guildhall the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Governor and Directors of the Bank of England, Bankers and Merchants of the City of London, Members of the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs, the Chief Commoner and some members of the Court of Common Council. The Lord Mayor, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Governor of the Bank of England and the Chairman of the Board of the London Stock Exchange were the speakers. Among others present were:

Lady Leigh-Pemberton, Lady Hugh Smith, Mrs Kenneth Clarke, Sir Robert Bellinger, Sir Terence Burns, Dame Mary Donaldson, Sir Allan Davis, Sir Alan Hardcastle, the Hon Mrs Sarah Hogg, Mr Alan Beith, MP, Mr Neil Hamilton, MP, Mr Anthony Nelson, MP, M Andre Azoulay, Professor Alan Budd, Mr Andrew Hudson, Professor Douglas McWilliams, Mr Michael McWilliams and Mr Andrew Turnbull.



JULIAN HERBERT

Gunning for victory: the "A" team of the Portsmouth field gun crews in training yesterday at the Whale Island base at Portsmouth for next month's Royal Tournament. The crews test their stamina and team work during twelve weeks' training before competing in the tournament against the Fleet Air Arm and Devonport

Memorial services

Lord Kenyon
The Duke of Kent was represented by Mr I L Mackeson-Sandbach at a service of celebration for the life of Lord Kenyon held yesterday at St Chad's, Hanmer, Shropshire. The Rev Gerald Davies officiated, assisted by Canon Walter Williams and the Rev Gilbert Hopley.

The Hon Mrs Kate Churton, daughter, read the lesson, Lord Kenyon, son, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland and the Hon Nicholas Tyrell-Kenyon, grandson, read from John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. Mr Peter Rosselli gave an address. The Lord Lieutenant of Clwyd attended.

Sir Roy Watts
A memorial service for Sir Roy Watts was held yesterday at St George's, Hanover Square. The Rev W.M. Atkins officiated. Sir Peter Masefield read the lesson and Mr Roy Anderson read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. Mr Atkins read a poem by Sir Roy's daughter, Mrs Sally Buckingham, and Mr Brian Redhead also gave a reading. Mr W.R Harper, Director of Thames Water, and Mr Mel Williams gave addresses. The Ambassador of Argentina was represented by Mr G. Garcia. Among those present were:

Lady Watts (widow), Mr and Mrs Simon Watts (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs Anne Jebbett (daughter), Duncan Jebbett (grandson), Mr Dennis Davies.

The Rev Lord and Lady Sandford, Lady McFadzean, Lord Clinton-Davis, Lord King of Wartnaby, Sir Christopher Leaver (chairman, Thames Water) and Lady Leaver with Mr Mike Hoffman (group chief executive), Mr Clive Carsley, Mr John Thomson, Mr John Worlidge, Mr Bill Alexander (Thames Water Utilities) with Mr and Mrs David Badcock, Mr Richard Oake and Mr Patrick Jackson; Lady Masefield, Sir Peter and Lady Harrop, Sir David and Lady Nicholas, Sir Michael Straker (Northumbrian Water), Sir Sydney Lipworth, Sir Henry Marking, Sir Gordon Jones (Yorkshire Water), Sir Terence Heiser (Wessex Water), Sir Michael Grylls, MP, Sir Colin Marshall, Sir Archibald Forster, Sir Frank Lampl (Bovis).

Miss Janet Langdon and Mr Don Ratledge (Water Services Association), Mr Michael Davies and Mr Leslie Jones (National Rivers Authority), Mr John Browning (Water Companies Association), Mr Michael Rouse (Water Research Centre), Mr David Collett (WaterAid), Mr Allan Merry (Office of Water Services), Mr W J W Courteney (Southern Water), Mr Roderick Hall (Severn Trent Water), Mr Bill Dickens (representing the chairman and directors, South West Water) and Mrs Dickens, Mr Iain Evans (Welsh Water), Mr Geoffrey Ennals (Port of London Authority).

Mr Michael Hurn (Simon Engineering), Mr Michael Pickering (British Gas), Mr Brian Beal (Air Bristol) and Mrs Beal, Mr Mark Loveday (Cazenove and Company), Mr Neil D M Mackay (Lazard Brothers), Mr P D H Hippisley-Cox (Dyson Bell Martin), Dr John Miller (Waggett and Company), Mr A Morse (Coopers and Lybrand), Mr Roger Gagg (KPMG Peat Marwick), Mr Simon Prior Palmer (Credit Suisse First Boston), Miss S Hudson (Chase Manhattan Bank), Mr Vernon Willey (Master of the Paviors' Company and chairman, River Thames Society), Mr L Solomon (Edinburgh University), Mr Peter Leighton (Peter Leighton Public Relations), Mr T Tyrrell (Frank Graham Group), Mr Hugo Summerson (IBA), Dr J F Hewlett (representing director, Wild Fowl and Wetlands Trust), Mr J Henderson (Wrightson Wood), Mr Graham Robertson (Arc Advertising), Miss Libby Rice (LSO), Mr Dermot Glynn (National Economic Research Associates), Mrs Margaret Smith (*Bucks Herald* and *Oxford Mail*), Chief Inspector Christopher King (Battersea Police Station), Mr Tony Cropper, Mr Peter Allen, Mr John Bowis, MP, Mr Victor Paige and Mr Roger Sims, MP.

Dom Bede Griffiths
The Right Rev Mark Hargreaves, Abbot of Pinknash, was the principal celebrant at a service of thanksgiving for the life and teaching of Dom Bede Griffiths held yesterday in Westminster Cathedral. He was assisted by the Right Rev Charles Fitzgerald-Lombard, Abbot of Downside, and the Very Rev Placid Meylink, Prior of the Monastery of Christ the King. Dom Laurence Freeman delivered the homily and read messages of appreciation from Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, and the Right Rev Jerome Theisen, Abbot Primate of the Order of St Benedict.

Miss Rosemary Grazebrook read a tribute from Swami Bhavyananda, Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre, Lady Allan of Kilmahew, of the Study Society, Miss Caroline Mackenzie and Sister Abhassara, Amaravati Buddhist Monastery, also paid tribute.

National Art Collections Fund

The Annual General Meeting of the National Art Collections Fund was held at the Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Gore, London, SW7 2AR, yesterday. Sir Nicholas Goodison, Chairman, presided and the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, Secretary of State for National Heritage also spoke.

Reception

HM Government
Mr Thomas C. Dawson, Solicitor General for Scotland, presided at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government last night at Edinburgh Castle to mark the 1993 Tetrapartite meeting.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir John Cheke, writer and scholar, Cambridge, 1514; Gustav V, King of Sweden 1907-50, Drottningholm, 1858; Arthur Meighan, Prime Minister of Canada 1920-21 and 1926, Anderson, Ontario, 1874; Stan Laurel, comedian, Ulverston, Lancashire, 1890; Lupino Lane, music hall performer, London, 1892.

DEATHS: John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough, general, Windsor, 1722; Joseph Butler, theologian, Bath, 1752; Charles Sturt, explorer in Australia, Cheltenham, 1869; Elmer Sperry, inventor, Brooklyn, New York, 1930; Margaret Bondfield, trades union organiser and Minister of Labour 1929-31, Sanderstead, Surrey, 1953; J. Scott Lidgett, theologian, Epsom, 1953; Imre Nagy, Premier of Hungary 1953-55 and 1956, executed Budapest, 1958; Harold Alexander, 1st Earl Alexander of Tunis, field marshal, Governor-General of Canada 1946-52, Slough, 1969; John Reith, 1st Baron Reith, 1st Director-General of the BBC 1927-38, Edinburgh, 1971; Wernher von Braun, pioneer of rocketry, Alexandria, Virginia, 1977.

Queen Christina of Sweden abdicated, 1654.

The London Working Men's Association, forerunner of the Chartist movement, was formed, 1836.

The first congress of the Soviets was held, 1917.

Cruse

Lady Hannam, Chairman of the Friends of Cruse, organised an evening of music held last night at Lambeth Palace, by courtesy of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Carey, in aid of Cruse - Bereavement Care and British Youth Opera.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E.J. Bishop and Miss S.R. Paneth
The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs James Bishop, of Hampstead, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Matthias Paneth, of Roehampton.

Mr M.H. Brooks and Miss A.F. Cuddigan
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Johnnie Brooks, of Boughton Aluph, Kent, and Antonia, daughter of Dr and Mrs Jeremy Cuddigan, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire.

Mr M. Corsi and Miss A.C. Lavers
The engagement is announced between Marco, son of Mr Gianfranco Corsi and the late Mrs Felicity Corsi, of Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, and Antonia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Lavers, of Clemsfold, West Sussex.

Mr C.W. Hockley and Miss J.L. Jennings
The engagement is announced between Charles William, son of Mrs Claude Hockley, of Albury End, Hertfordshire, and Julia Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Terrence Jennings, of Hatfield Heath, Hertfordshire.

Mr D.J.F. Innes and Miss V.H. de Moraes Dantas
The engagement is announced between Duncan, younger son of Dr and Mrs John Innes, of Stradbroke, Suffolk, and Vera Helena, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roberto de Moraes Dantas, of São Paulo, Brazil.

Mr J.R. Murfitt and Miss E.A. Barton
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs R. Murfitt, of Holt, Norfolk, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.H. Barton, of West Leake, Leicestershire.

Mr C.J. Scott and Miss C.M. Murphy
The engagement is announced between Cameron, younger son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Scott, of Coopersale, Essex, and Colette, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Murphy, of Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Mr N.B. Turk and Miss I.S.L. Hoult
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr Rodney Turk and of the late Mrs Joan Turk, of Godden Green, Sevenoaks, Kent, and Suzannah, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hoult, of Wonston, Hampshire.

Mr P.M.C. Vincent and Miss R.O. Rutter
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs John Vincent, of South Godstone, Surrey, and Rosalind, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Howard Rutter, of East Horsley, Surrey.

Marriage

Dr C.J. Garratt and Dr K.E. Chandler
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 5, 1993, at Magdalen College Chapel Oxford, between Clifford Garratt and Kate Chandler.

The bride was attended by Ms Sally Knight, Ms Oriele Frank and Dr Helen Porter. Mr David Mee was best man.

A reception was held at The Randolph Hotel and the honeymoon is being spent in Sri Lanka and the Maldive Islands.

Salters' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Salters' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Lord Porter of Luddenham, OM; Upper Warden, Mr J.R.S. Homan; Second Warden, Lord Remnant.

Latest wills

Recent wills include (net, before tax paid):

Miss Mary Rebekah **Lord**, of Eastby, near Skipton, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,873,415 net.
She left £5,000 to Milton parish church, Whalley, £2,000 to Waddington Hospital, Clitheroe, the balance of any monies with the Charities Aid Foundation to them, a number of bequests including the Salvation Army, Girl Guides Association, National Trust, Embsay Village Hall, Oakland Cheshire Home, Garstang, Cats Protection League, Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society, Dr Barnardo's, PDSA, Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society and Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Hon Sir George Rothe **Bellew**, of Farnham, Surrey, Garter Principal King of Arms 1950-61, who organised the funeral of King George VI in 1952 and helped the Duke of Norfolk in the Coronation of the Queen in the following year, left estate valued at £431,734.

Professor Denis Rawnsley **Harper**, of Great Doddington, Northamptonshire, town planner and architect, Professor of Building at the Institute of Science and Technology, Manchester University, 1957-74, associate architect of the BBC TV Centre and chief architect to Corby New Town, left estate valued at £111,082.

Mrs Doreen Gladys **Mann**, of Chertsey, Surrey, left estate valued at £195,202.
She left £50,000 to the RNIB, Wembley, for the improvement and maintenance of their book/cassette service "which I for one have found personally extremely useful".

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Everton McCleod, Assistant Curate, New Ferry: to be Assistant Curate, Moreton (Chester).

The Rev Gary Mann, Assistant Curate, Knottingley St Botolph: to be Team Vicar, Brighouse Team Ministry, w responsibility for Clifton St John's (Wakefield).

The Rev Brian Manning, Rector, Cockfield w Bradfield St Clare, Felsham and Gedding: to be also Rural Dean of Lavenham (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Terence Morley, Rector, Coatbridge (Glasgow): to be Vicar, St James, Ham, Plymouth (Exeter).

The Rev Michael Norton, Chaplain, HM Prison, Winchester: to be Vicar, Somborne w Ashley (Winchester).

The Rev Malcolm Palmer, Chaplain, HM Young Offender Institution, Hewell Grange and HM Remand Centre, Brockhill: to be Chaplain, Blakenhurst Prison (Worcester).

The Rev Michael Partridge, Curate, Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield (Birmingham): to be Priest-in-charge, St Paul, Tiverton (Exeter).

The Rev Stuart Powell, Assistant Curate, St Barnabas, Northolt Park (London) to be Vicar, St Cuthbert, Castle Vale (Birmingham).

The Rev Jonathan Wilkinson, Assistant Curate, Oulton Broad (Norwich): to be Vicar, St Mark, Hallwood, Runcorn, Hallwood Local Ecumenical Project (Chester).

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BIRTHS

ATKINSON - On June 10th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Susie (née White) and Justin, a daughter (Rosie Elizabeth).

BURDELL - On June 8th at the Wellington Hospital, to Paul and Selina, a son, John Patrick "Jack".

DAVIES - On 14th June at The Whittington Hospital, to Susan (née Fallon) and Roy, a daughter, Rhiannon Siân Evans, a half-sister for Claire and Angharad.

FLAX - Born on 11th June at The Portland Hospital, a beautiful healthy strong son, Jacob Alexander Charles, to Maria and Jeremy, son of (late) Nat and Anne.

GHAIDAN - On June 9th 1993, to Rosemary (née Borton) and Karim, a son, Sam Neville.

HAGUE-HOLMES - On June 10th 1993, to Kate (née McIntyre) and Gerard, the gift of a son, Edward Digby Thomas, a brother for Elizabeth Mairi.

KYRIGOS - On 10th June 1993 at The Portland Hospital, to Vicky (née Kydoniefs) and George, a son, Stephanos Polychronis.

MICHELMORE - On 13th June, to Sue (née Lodge) and Robert, a son, Andrew James, a brother for Clare.

NICHOLAS - On 11th June, to Issy and David (Bertie), a son, Charles Laurence John, a brother for Olivia.

PRESTON - On June 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Fiona (née Cameron) and John, a son, Joseph Leo, a brother for Max.

RITCHIE - On 7th June 1993, to Suzy (née Lewin) and Miles, a daughter, Candida Emma.

ROBINSON - On June 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Jane and Ian, a beautiful daughter, Sarah Grace, a sister for Emma.

SCHINDLER - On June 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Melanie (née Brand) and Daniel, a precious son, Oliver Leigh, a brother for Melissa Ellen.

SOUTHESK - On June 10th to Caroline, wife of David, Earl of Southesk, a son (the Hon. Hugh Alexander Carnegie), a brother for Charles and George.

TAIT - On June 13th, to Francesca (née Sullivan) and Andrew, a daughter, Victoria, a sister to Constance.

WILSON - On June 13th at The John Radcliffe Hospital, to Fiona (née Bissett) and Tim, a daughter, Emily, a sister for Jack and Douglas.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

ROWE:HAMILTON BAYNES - On June 13th 1953 at The Oratory, Birmingham, Robert Stewart to Barbara Elizabeth.

DEATHS

ARMFIELD - On 14th June 1993, peacefully at Galsworthy House Nursing Home, Kingston, Surrey, Peter aged 72. Funeral at the Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, on Friday 18th June at 11 o'clock. Flowers to Mears & Cotterill, 169 Merton Road, Wandsworth, SW18 5EF, or donations to NSPCC.

AUBERT - Josephine. On June 12th, peacefully at home in Geneva after a short illness courageously borne. Sorely missed by her husband Francois and her children Michael and Christine. Any letters to 44 Victoria Road, W8 5RQ. No flowers; donations if desired to London Appeals, Cancer Relief, McMillan Fund, 15-19 Britten Street, SW3 3T2.

BARK - On 7th June 1993, peacefully at Roselawns Nursing Home, Evelyn Elizabeth Patricia Bark C.M.G., O.B.E., formerly Director of International Affairs at The British Red Cross. Private cremation, no flowers. Donations if desired to The British Red Cross Society, 9 Grosvenor Crescent, SW1X 7EJ.

BENN - Brigadier Robin V.M., OBE MA RAEC 2 Commando, Scholar, Headmaster and Poet. Peacefully at home, beloved husband of the late Naomi Benn, dear father to Colin & Eileen, Toby, Piers & Angela and Kevin & Siv, and big grandfather to Robin, Florence, Tom, Thomas, Kazimir, Sheela and Ellika. Private service at Beaulieu Abbey July 1st. No flowers please.

BERRY - On June 13th 1993, in Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, Alice, aged 88 years. Formerly Head Mistress of the Preparatory Department of William Hulme Grammar School. Sister of Emily (Bunty) Lloyd, and much loved aunt. Cremation private; no flowers by request.

BODART - On 14th June 1993, peacefully at home, Daphne (Padell), née Trevitt-Briggs, beloved wife of the late Jacques Bodart, much loved by her son Sean and all her large family and friends. Funeral at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Friday 18th June at 12 o'clock. Flowers may be sent to Funeral Directors E.R. Hickmott, Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, or donations to The Abbeyfield Society, 186-192 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Herts. EN6 1AB.

BRADBROOK - On 11th June, suddenly, Muriel Bradbrook, Mistress of Girton College from 1968-76, distinguished international Shakespearean scholar and Professor of English at the University of Cambridge 1965-76. The funeral will take place at Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge, at 2.15 pm on Tuesday 22nd June. A Memorial Service will be held in Cambridge during the Michaelmas term. No flowers; donations to the Vicar of Great St Mary's for the 'Homeless in Cambridge'.

CAREY - On June 13th 1993, peacefully at home, Mary Elizabeth, much loved widow of Lionel, mother of William and John, mother-in-law of Judy and Dawn and granny of Emilia, Patrick and Jack. Funeral at Sherborne Abbey on Tuesday June 22nd at 2 pm. No flowers, donations to The Royal National Institute for Deaf People. Friends' anecdotes would be welcomed, write to Thornton Cottage, Stenton, Dunkeld, Perthshire. PH8 0JB.

CRAIG - On June 13th, peacefully in Hove, Lillias Margaret in her 91st year, widow of McGregor (Mac), beloved mother of Sheila and Alison. Greatly missed grandmother of Michael, Clare, Chloe and Julia. Donations to BEN-Motor and Allied Trades Benevolent Fund, Lynwood, Sunninghill, Ascot, Berks. SL5 0AJ.

DAWKINS - On June 14th 1993, Jack, a dearly loved and loving son, husband, father and grandpa. Formerly Director of Educational Services and Chief Education Officer, London Borough of Barnet. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, for The National Asthma Campaign. All donations and enquiries to Mr Harold F Miles, Funeral Director, South Cadbury, Somerset BA22 7ES tel: (0963) 40567.

ELKINGTON - On June 14th 1993, peacefully in hospital, Reginald Geoffrey Elkington C.B. aged 86. Dear father of Paul and Judith and a loving grandfather and great-grandfather. Private family cremation followed by Service of Thanksgiving at St John's Church, West Byfleet, on June 21st at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The Children's Society c/o G Boutell & Son, 50 High Road, Byfleet, Surrey KT14 7QL. tel: (0932) 346037.

ELLIOTT - On 14th June 1993, Florence Elizabeth, late of Dormy House, Sunningdale, Widow of George Elliott and ex member of Sunningdale Ladies Golf Club. Funeral Service to be held at St John's Crematorium, Woking, on Monday 21st June at 11 am. Enquiries to Lines Bannister & Co., 69 High Street, Ascot, tel: (0344) 20266.

FORD - Peacefully aged 80, on 12th June 1993, after a short illness, Basil James. Loving and beloved husband of Helen and father of Barbara and Adrian. Stalwart of England, London and Surrey R.F.S.U. Thanksgiving and cremation on Friday 18th June at 1 pm, Randalls Park, Leatherhead. No flowers, donations for Camphill Village Trust, Watford, WD2 8DJ.

GIBBS - Dr. Antony James on June 14th, peacefully. Aged 89. Much loved husband of Helen and father of Antony, John, David and Raymond. Funeral Service at St James's Church, Abinger Common, Surrey, on Thursday June 24th at 3 pm. Flowers or donations to Royal Medical Benevolent Fund, tel: (081) 540-9194. Enquiries to Ayling's of Guildford, tel: (0483) 67333.

HOLBECHE - Michael John, suddenly at home on Sunday 13th June, father of Michael (Simon) and Antonia. Cremation at Putney Vale on Friday 18th June at 4.30 pm.

JOICEY - On 14th June in a tragic accident at Etal, Michael Edward 4th Baron Joicey. Funeral private. Memorial Service at Ford Church at 2.30 pm on 29th June 1993.

McMURTRIE - On 14th June 1993 peacefully at Salisbury District Hospital, Margaret Phyllis, in her 91st year. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, East Knoyle, Wilts, on Thursday 24th June at 12.30pm followed by private cremation. No flowers, but donations if desired to The Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund may be sent to G.E. Johnson & Son (Funeral Directors), 41/43 High Street, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

MELVILLE - On 14th June aged 83, peacefully after a short illness at Walcot Nursing Home, Diss, Leslie William Melville, Barrister and Doctor of Law, lately of Colchester, father of Sally, grandfather of Eleanora and Edward, brother of Violet, Geoffrey and Joan. Funeral at 3 pm on Friday 18th June at the Friends Meeting House, Frenze Road, Diss, Norfolk. Funeral Directors: Rackhams of Diss. 0379 642 321.

METCALFE - Sue (Charlotte Anita), splendid and greatly loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. Widow of the late Lt. Col. Peter Metcalfe. Suddenly but peacefully at home, aged 87. Funeral at St Mary's, Sellindge, Kent, at noon Saturday 19th June. Flowers to Hambrook & Johns, 1 Dymchurch Road, Hythe, Kent or donations to Age Concern.

MORRIS - On June 15th peacefully at Denville Hall, The Actors Retirement Home, Douglas Morris M.B.E. aged 73, formerly of Clifton, Bristol, General Manager of The Bristol Old Vic (1963-1984). Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Monday 21st June at 12.30pm (East Chapel). Donations in lieu of flowers to The Bristol Old Vic Theatre School c/o T.A. Ellement & Son Ltd., 21 Bridge Street, Pinner, Middlesex, HA5 3HR.

MORRIS - On 13th June 1993, suddenly at home, Robert Bruce aged 75 years. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. All enquiries to Reynolds Funeral Service, 31 High Street, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, tel: (0243) 864748.

NOLAN - On June 11th, Aline, much loved wife and best friend of David and mother of Julia, Bridget and Michael. Funeral at Yarlington Church, Somerset, at 2.30 pm on Saturday 19th June. No flowers please, but donations if desired to St Margarets Hospice, Heron Drive, Bishops Hull, Taunton, TA1 5HA.

PORTER - On Saturday June 12th 1993, suddenly, George Edward Porter M.A. of Cambridge, aged 76 years. Loving husband of the late Ethel, dear father of Sheila and Stephen and grandad of Jason, Diana and Charles. Funeral Service at Cambridge Crematorium on Tuesday June 22nd at 3.30pm. Family flowers only but donations for The British Heart Foundation Fund may be sent to Market Street, Saffron Walden, Essex.

RALPH - On June 13th 1993, peacefully in William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, Kent, Dorothy Jessie (Dossie) aged 87 years, beloved wife of the late Frederick Ralph. Funeral Service at St Mary and St Eanswythe Church, Folkestone, on Friday June 18th at 10 am followed by interment at Hawkinge Cemetery. Flowers to Chittenden's Funeral Services, 1 Ingoldsby Road, Folkestone.

RAW - Peacefully on 12th June, Mary, much beloved by Edward, Victoria, Olivia and everybody. Funeral at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, at 10 am on 19th June.

RICKARD - On 7th June, suddenly while on holiday in France, Frederick George aged 72. Husband of Jean, father of Elizabeth and Kenneth. Memorial Service at St Margaret's Church, Ifield, on 18th June at 10.45am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Crawley and Horsham Hospitals Scanner Appeal, (0293) 618098.

TENNANT - On Saturday June 12th, peacefully, aged 95. The Hon. Mrs Irene Adelaide, dearly loved mother, stepmother, aunt and grandmother. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Firle, Lewes, Sussex, on Tuesday June 22nd at 12 noon.

WALLEY - On June 11th, peacefully, Nance Mira (Nan) of Twyford and late of Compton, Hampshire. Funeral Service at Compton Parish Church on Tuesday June 22nd at 11.30 am. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, c/o Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

WEBSTER - On Friday 11th June 1993, suddenly at home, Windsor Ian Webster (Windy) of Fulbourn, Cambridge, aged 66 years, much loved husband of Sally, dear father of James and Juliet. Funeral Service at St Vigor's Church, Fulbourn, on Tuesday 22nd June at 10.30 am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired may be made to The British Heart Foundation c/o Harry Williams & Son, 7 Victoria Park, Cambridge.

WOODLEY - On June 8th 1993, Jason Michael Woodley, aged 24 years. Loved son of Len and Jenny. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons, (071) 387-6075.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BUNE - A Memorial Service for David (Vice Chancellor of the British Association Sovereign Military Order of Malta) will be held at The Oratory, Brompton Road, London SW7, at 11 am, Wednesday 23rd June 1993.

PIZEY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Admiral Sir Mark Pizey G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.**, D.L., will take place at the Parish Church of St Andrew, Burnham-on-Sea, Somersetshire, on Monday 5th July at 2 pm.

SHELBOURNE - The Memorial Service for Sir Philip Shelbourne will be held at St Lawrence Jewry on Thursday 24th June at midday. Please apply for tickets to Mrs Catherine Fisher at Myles Place, 68 The Close, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 2EN.

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OBITUARIES

JAMES HUNT

James Hunt, former world motor racing champion, died of a heart attack at his London home yesterday aged 45. He was born on August 29, 1947.



A HANDSOME, charismatic figure who took effortlessly to the lifestyle of a Grand Prix driver, James Hunt became world champion in 1976 driving for the McLaren team. He and glamour were indivisible. Besides fast cars, beautiful women were a feature of his life. When his first wife, a model, left him and later married the actor Richard Burton it seemed to be of a piece with an exotically turbulent existence.

James Hunt was educated at Wellington College, where he represented the school as both a cross-country runner and a squash player. Like so many of his contemporaries he began his motor racing career at the wheel of a Mini. In 1968 he graduated to Formula Ford and in the following year he moved up into the more demanding Formula Three category.

A series of successes in his privately owned car in 1970 led to an invitation to drive a works-entered March Formula Three car for the 1971 season. But a series of accidents, which did little injury to his body (though some to his pride) earned him the nickname "Hunt the Shunt" which was to take a long time to live down.

In 1972 Hunt's link with March was terminated and he seemed destined for the motor racing wilderness. But a few weeks later he was invited to drive a car owned by Lord Hesketh, an association that was to have far-reaching consequences. Hesketh bought a Formula Two car and Hunt achieved some outstanding results with it. The aim was to enter for a full season of Formula Two races in 1973. But after watching Hunt drive a borrowed Surtees-Ford in a non-championship race at Brands Hatch Hesketh made arrangements to hire a March-Ford for him to drive in one or two world championship events. Their first outing was the Monaco Grand Prix, where, in spite of a late engine failure, Hunt's performance was beyond the team's most ambitious hopes. It led to the decision of Hesketh Racing to become full-time participants in Grands Prix.

Successes came rapidly: Hunt was sixth in the French Grand Prix, fourth in the British and third in the Dutch. The Hesketh team's season ended on a high note when Hunt chased Ronnie Peterson all the way to lose the United States Grand Prix by less than a second.

For 1974 Lord Hesketh exchanged Hunt's borrowed car for a purpose-built Hesketh-Ford car and Hunt scored his and his team's first Formula One win in the non-championship International Trophy race at Silverstone. The breakthrough to Grand Prix success came in Holland in 1975, when Hunt fought and won a wheel-to-wheel duel with Niki Lauda and his Ferrari. It was the highlight of a Formula One season during which he had already finished second in Argentina and sixth in Brazil.

Alas, the team now discovered that Lord Hesketh's personal fortune was insufficient to cover the costs of designing, building and running a Grand Prix car and team. When efforts to find a sponsor bore no fruit, it was disbanded and Hunt was out of a job.

Marlboro McLaren team secured Hunt's services for the 1976 season and he soon established himself as the chief threat to Lauda's continuing domination of the Grand Prix scene for Ferrari.

He set his standard in the opening race of the 1976 world championship by setting the fastest practice lap and running second to Lauda until stopped by a jammed throttle. In Britain he won the Race of Champions at Brands Hatch and this country's other non-championship Formula One race, the International Trophy at Silverstone. In between had come the first United States Grand Prix West, in California. In the Spanish Grand Prix at Jarama he chased, then overtook a far from well Niki Lauda and went on to lead him across the finishing line — only to be robbed of the victory during a post-race examination of his car during which it was discovered that its rear track was five-eighths of an inch too wide.

Hunt failed to score in his next two races; at this stage he had scored only eight world championship points to Lauda's 55.

Luck changed in France. While Lauda's Ferrari failed him Hunt took his McLaren to victory and the following day he learnt that he had been reinstated as winner of the Spanish race as well. Lauda then had a near-fatal accident in the German Grand Prix. Hunt won the race, was fourth in Austria and first again in Holland, while Lauda prepared for a comeback in Italy. There, Hunt's was one of three cars to be moved to the back of the grid because of a stated fuel infringement (the officials were subsequently found to be in error), and he came off the track in his efforts to move up through the field.

Hunt won in Canada, where Lauda failed to score, and in the United States, where his rival finished third. The final race, in Japan, would decide the title; Lauda now had 68 points and Hunt 65. But Lauda pulled out of the race, blinded by spray, and Hunt had only to finish third to become world champion. He led the race in impressive style, but rapid tyre wear on a drying track brought him into the pits shortly before the finish, with two punctures. His mechanics worked brilliantly and he was away again in 27 seconds, now in fifth place. Over the next two laps he passed two other cars to regain third place and the title was his.

Although there was universal admiration for the way in which Lauda had fought back from close to death, Hunt had also earned his title the hard way. Though he carried on racing Hunt was not able to repeat his 1976 success and eventually announced his retirement in 1979.

He exploited to the full the stardom which his world championship gave him pursuing social and commercial engagements with the same vigour that he applied to his races. Being both photogenic and articulate, he was at ease in front of camera or microphone. From 1980 he worked for the BBC and his voice was a familiar one to viewers of Grands Prix on television where his insights backed up the main commentary from Murray Walker. He was also a provocative journalist and his most recent article, an assessment of the current Grand prix season, appeared in *The Daily Telegraph* yesterday.

He had retired from motor racing a millionaire but the past few years had not been kind to Hunt. The James Hunt Racing Centre which he had established at Milton Keynes in May 1990 collapsed with debts of £2 million.

His marriage to the model Susie Miller ended in divorce as did a second marriage to Sarah, the mother of his two sons. In a newspaper interview he gave earlier this year he claimed ,that his only wheeled assets were a bicycle and a 26-year-old van.

PROFESSOR M. C. BRADBROOK

Professor Muriel Bradbrook, Professor of English at Cambridge, 1965-76, and Mistress of Girton College, 1968-76, died on June 11 aged 84. She was born on April 27, 1909.



AS HEAD of a college and a cosmopolitan scholar Muriel Clara Bradbrook made a profound impact on Cambridge and the intellectual world beyond it. As the range of her publications indicates, she was of a generation of academics which was utterly at ease in almost any area of English literature — and was always worth listening to on those aspects of foreign cultures with which she was acquainted. Shakespeare, his times, his contemporaries and his immediate successors were at the core of her achievements as a writer. But she ranged widely, stopping off at many points between Thomas Malory and Malcolm Lowry, with an illuminating excursion into Ibsen. She took a particular interest in modern literature and young poets, and this bore fruit in studies of Yeats, Eliot, Beckett and contemporary Commonwealth writers.

As a writer for students and fellow scholars she was capable of exhilarating erudition. At the same time the boldness and passion of her exposition — exemplified in her book on Lowry — frequently enabled her to illuminate a subject for the general reader.

She had begun literary life as a disciple of F. R. Leavis. But her catholic tastes, and a predisposition to acknowledge the importance of the fanciful and the allusive were not really in harmony with *Scrutiny*'s rigorously-focused style of criticism. After a few articles for the periodical, which did not really do her justice, she decided to distance herself from the fanaticism of the Leavis school. Thereafter her ideas germinated with great rapidity.

Muriel Clara Bradbrook (she always wrote as M. C. Bradbrook) was the daughter of Samuel Bradbrook, Superintendent of HM Waterguard at Glasgow and Liverpool. She was educated at Hutcheson's School, Glasgow and Oldershaw School, Wallasey. From there she went to Girton College, Cambridge. Her association with both college and university began with a double first in the English Tripos in 1930 and ended with her becoming Mistress of Girton at a time when the college was just about to become a mixed college, and university professor — the Cambridge English faculty's first women professor.

In her first year of research as Carlisle Scholar of Girton, she wrote the University Harness Prize Essay published as *Elizabethan Stage Conditions: a study of their Place in the Interpretation of Shakespeare's Plays* (1932); as College Fifth Year Scholar and Ottilie Hancock Fellow (1932-35) she wrote her doctoral thesis and published it as *Themes and Conventions of Elizabethan Tragedy* (1935). She was University Allen Scholar in 1935-6 and in residence at Somerville College the following year to publish *The School of Night: study of the Literary Relationships of Sir Walter Ralegh* (1936). This was distinguished by a brilliant portrait of Ralegh the man and a thought-provoking discussion of Ralegh's poetical use of his philosophy.

Muriel Bradbrook returned to Girton as college lecturer and, from 1938, official fellow. In those years, without an established university post, she lectured and examined for the Tripos. With her Girton College colleague Gwyneth Lloyd Thomas she published *Andrew Marvell* in 1940.

By now the shyness and naivety of the schoolgirl had given way to the energy and persistence of the inveterate writer. Though she had all the equipment of the scholar her predilection for imaginative as against detailed and factual study had been established. Ideas from a multiplicity of sources would take root slowly. But, once germinated, they would be set down with astonishing rapidity. Thus, the actual composition of *That Infidel Place* (1969), the history of her college, the proceeds of which she presented to its centenary appeal fund, took less than three months to write although it embodied 35 years of intimate knowledge.

In those early days of her career, Muriel Bradbrook also played other parts behind the scenes. The death of her parents left her the virtual head of her family and she was the guiding influence in the education of her younger brothers. Her kindness attracted to her additional responsibilities in the form of a score of godchildren.

At Girton, within a rather elderly common room, she was conspicuously the friend of the undergraduate; her songs and Triumphal Ode were sung after the annual Feast; the hat was passed first to her for anonymous donations to poor scholars from abroad; her occasional poems to colleagues were the joy of many entertainments.

The war made a break in her career. From 1941 to 1945 she worked at the Board of Trade (Industries and Manufactures). She marked her departure from Cambridge to London by the publication of *Joseph Conrad: Poland's English Genius* (1941).

She celebrated her return to Cambridge as an assistant faculty lecturer in 1945 by the publication of *Ibsen the Norwegian: a Revaluation* (1946) "written during the intervals of war work in London, where many of Ibsen's countrymen shared the night watches with me, and on one occasion rescued me and my manuscript from the debris of a flying bomb", and dedicated to those friendships "especially remembering those of the Royal Norwegian Navy."

Thereafter she was successively faculty lecturer (1948-62) and reader (1962-65), until being appointed to the chair of English.

She was made particularly responsible for the welfare of research students and never failed them. She now also assumed international responsibilities so characteristic of her, which led her to append to her history of Girton an essay on "The Collegiate University in the Modern World". She was in residence at the Folger Library and the Huntington Library 1958-59 and was Far East Lecturer for Shakespeare's fourth centenary in 1964. Among her honours were the Freedom of the City of Hiroshima and foreign membership of the Norwegian Academy of Arts and Sciences. She held visiting professorships at Santa Cruz, California; Kuwait; Tokyo; Kenyon College, US; and Rhodes University, South Africa.

From each of her visits abroad she brought home manuscripts for publication. Of her many books in these years, among the most persuasive were the richly suggestive *Shakespeare and Elizabethan Poetry* (1951); the wide-ranging *English Dramatic Form* (1965); and the scholarly *The Rise of the Common Player* (1962). The play as a living entity was at the heart of her approach to the study of drama and this thesis was pursued in *The Living Monument: Shakespeare and the Drama of his Time* (1976). When Henslowe's Rose Theatre was disinterred from the clay of Southwark in 1988 she was enthusiastically on hand in raincoat and Wellington boots, and later lectured on the discoveries.

Confident and at ease on the lecture platform, Muriel Bradbrook was nearly as easy in more intimate relationships but not quite. The children of her Girton colleagues could count on poems about their mumps but the colleagues themselves occasionally complained that her attention faded in and out like a badly tuned wireless.

Her activity was inexhaustible in college and abroad: she entertained in an old-fashioned grand manner; her impromptu speeches and toasts were miracles of felicity and wit; she was often sunshine itself. Fools she could suffer lightly enough: it was the pedantic bore that unfocused her eye. The period of her association with Girton and Cambridge was rich with change and growth.

In retirement she continued to entertain both Cambridge associates and visiting scholars from all over the world. Her mental powers remained undimmed almost to the end.

She was unmarried.

CAPTAIN JOHN COOTE

Captain John Coote, naval officer and newspaper executive, died on June 11 aged 71. He was born on August 13, 1921.

JOHNNIE Coote was a large man in every way — large in frame and figure, large in enthusiasm, generosity, and the enjoyment of life. He was large, too, in his hatred of anything or anybody he thought mean or dishonourable (though he knew and liked a considerable number of rogues).

His naval career — improbably for someone of his bulk — was principally spent as a torpedo officer in submarines. His most famous exploit took place just outside Monte Carlo on a sunny December day in 1943 when he spotted through his periscope a German minesweeper tied up on the western wall of the harbour. The local population was somewhat surprised when a torpedo, fired from 500 yards away, came straight through the breakwater and, before anyone realised what was happening, had split the minesweeper in half and sunk it, leaving large gaps on the *Quai de Plaisance* as its mines exploded tearing up the trees.

John Oldham Coote was a fine, instinctive seaman who always pushed his luck to the utmost. He had been born — in Adelaide, Australia — with a caul over his head which meant, according to marine lore, that he was guaranteed against drowning. The son of peripatetic Anglo-Irish parents, he had a varied and nomadic education — in New Zealand, at the China Misssion School, Chefoo, and finally at the Essex public school, Felsted, which he left at the age of 18 in 1940 to join the Royal Navy as what was then known as "a special entry cadet". He probably always thought of the war years as the highlight of his life but, in fact, he went on to have a distinguished career in the Navy, retiring from it only in 1960 when he was threatened with the unexciting posting of Captain of the Dockyard in Singapore. It was the Navy's loss — there were few among his contemporaries who doubted that, if he had remained in the service, he would have gone on to be First Sea Lord.

A chance meeting with Lord Beaverbrook's son, Max Aitken, at Cowes — they shared a passion for sailing (Coote was said to have taken part in the Fastnet races 19 times) — led to his second life in newspapers. He was taken on by Beaverbrook Newspapers as "a management trainee" (although at 39 he might have been thought a bit old for this particular executive category). Unlike some of his service predecessors recruited by "Young Max", he survived. He displayed a particular aptitude in grasping the technical aspects of old-fashioned newspaper production — he used to like to say, "If you've commanded a submarine and known something about the engine-room, this is a piece of cake." He also enjoyed the asset of getting on very well with journalists.

He eventually rose to be deputy chairman and group managing director of Beaverbrook Newspapers — but his last years in Fleet Street were far from happy ones. This was entirely the fault of his original patron, Max Aitken, who turned out to be a remarkably weak monarch of the empire he had inherited from his father in 1964. Like most feeble rulers, he could not resist playing favourites — and it was not long before Coote found his position eroded by a new managing director of the company's newspaper interests, Jocelyn Stevens (now the chairman of English Heritage).

There was no love lost between the two men. In effect,



they competed for the failing emperor's favour and, as the balance swung in the direction of Stevens, Coote felt he had no alternative but to offer to leave. He did so in May 1975 with some bitterness, resolving at the time never to see Sir Max Aitken again.

It was typical, though, of his largeness of spirit that, when Aitken — having lost his newspaper empire to Trafalgar House — suffered a stroke, no one was more punctilious about going to visit him over the last sad five years of his life than his old yachting companion. (The resentment against Stevens, by contrast, never subsided.)

By now Coote had personally become the butt of cruel jokes, frequently finding himself referred to in the columns of *Private Eye* as "Captain J. O. Coote RN (Submerged)". In fact, though, Coote enjoyed a very active retirement, developing a great interest in opera (he had a particular admiration for Kiri Te Kanawa), continuing with his sailing (he was about to set out on a fresh voyage aboard a 30-year-old yacht when he died) and regularly contributing naval notices to this page (the most recent of which appeared only six weeks ago).

He published two lively volumes of autobiography — *Submariner* (1991) and *Altering Course* (1992); at the time of his death he was working on the official biography of the late Admiral Lord Fieldhouse of Falklands fame.

Coote married in 1944 Sylvia Syson, then serving in the WRNS. She and their three daughters survive him.

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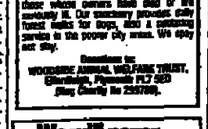
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ARGENTINA SURRENDERS

Max Hastings of the London *Standard* describes how he became the first Briton to enter the liberated Port Stanley:

British forces are in Port Stanley. At 5.45pm British time today, men of the Parachute Regiment halted on the outskirts at the end of their magnificent drive on the capital.

Pending negotiations, I walked through the Argentine lines with my hands in the air and met the first of the town's civilian population.

"By God, you are welcome", Mgr Danial Spraggon, Stanley's Catholic priest, said with delighted fervour as I told him of the British forces a few hundred yards behind me.

"It's bloody marvellous as far as I'm concerned," Mr Ian Stewart, local manager of Cable and Wireless, said.

As we talked, hundreds — perhaps thousands — of dejected Argentine troops marched in columns past us down the main street to prepare to surrender. I walked to the Argentine civil administration building, and met their senior colonel on the steps.

"Are you ready to surrender West as well as East Falklands?" I asked. "I think so," he said. "But it is best to wait until your general meets General Menendez." ...

The Argentines made no hostile movement

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as I moved past the heavily bunkered Government House to Port Stanley's famous hotel, the Upland Goose. There I met one of the few audiences in my life willing to clap and cheer my coming, under false pretences since it was really the men of the British forces to whom they wanted to pay homage. They offered me a drink and began to talk about all that had happened in the past three months.

It was like liberating a pub, or a community, in East Surrey or Kent. The Falklanders said the Argentines did not behave intolerably badly towards them, although there were moments when they were pushing civilians hither and thither at the point of sub-machine guns. "The last few days were the worst," the owner of the Upland Goose, Desmond King, said. The 600 civilians left in Stanley had been compelled to listen to the continuous roar of gunfire from the hills, apprehensive that the battle would soon be in their own streets.

They disclosed that the Argentines had been beating the British blockade until the very end. Hercules aircraft had been flying on to the airfield and the huge container ship *Formosa* had beaten the blockade on about May 1 to unload food and ammunition.

The civilians rejoiced freely in the British triumph. "Never for a moment did we doubt that British forces would come," Mrs Desmond King said. Mr Robin Pitaleyn described how he had been under house arrest in the hotel for six weeks, since he made contact by radio with *HMS Hermes*. He dismissed criticism of the Falkland Island Company representatives who had sold goods to the occupiers. "We were all selling stuff," he said.

By tomorrow, I imagine, when everyone has seen what little there is of this small provincial town to be seen, we shall be asking ourselves why so many brave men had to die because a whimsical dictator in a land of which we knew so little was determined that his nation had at all costs to possess it.

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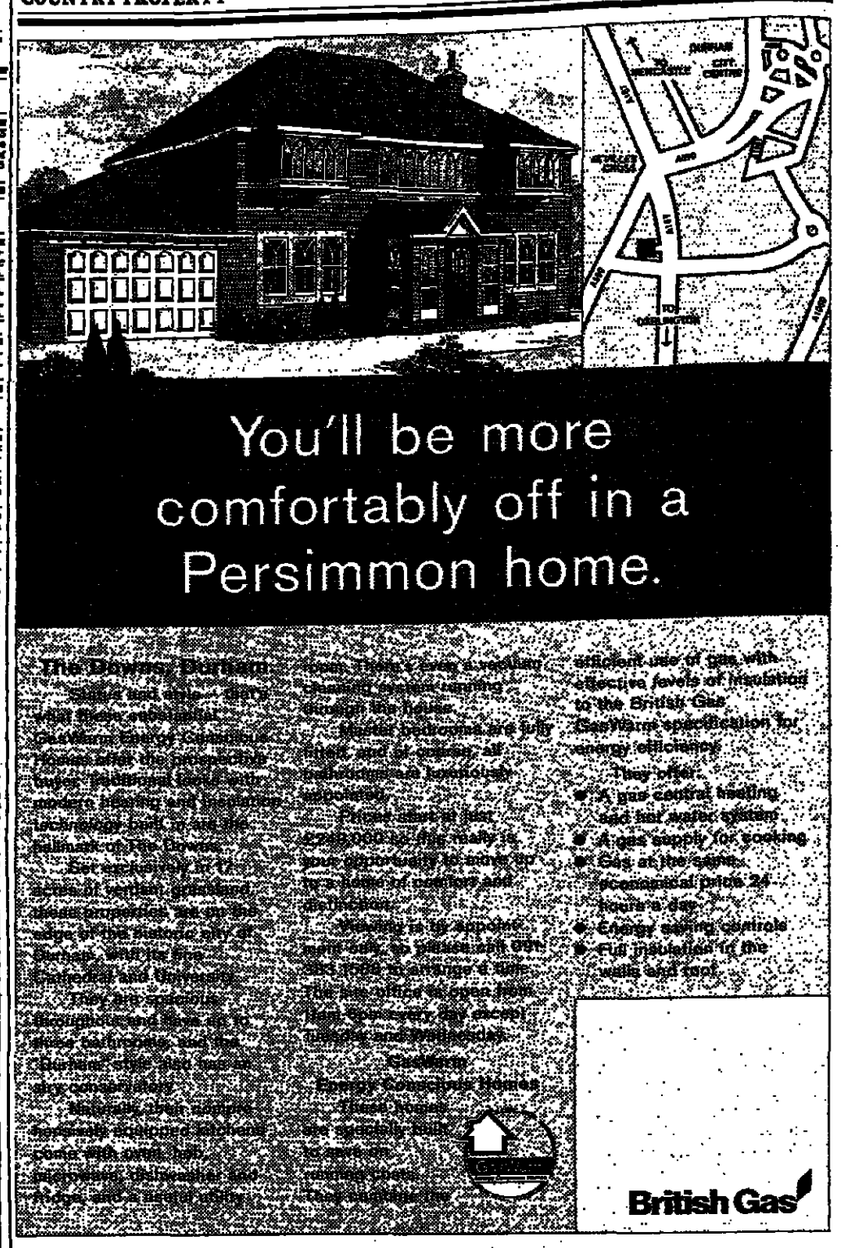
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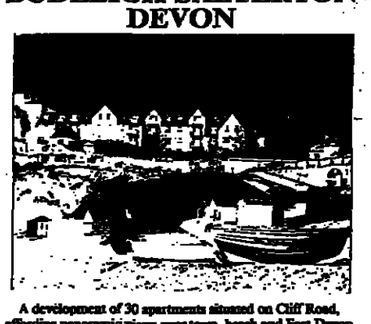
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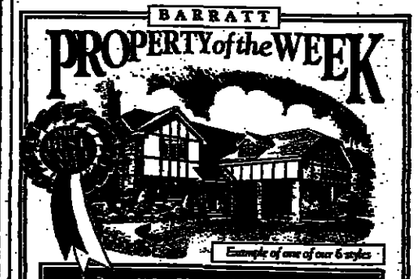
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Shoot north for a sporting estate

Rachel Kelly looks at a market that is picking up as foreign buyers hover in the hope of bagging bargains



Under offer: the Camusrory Estate, on the Knoydart Peninsula in the mountain area of Lochaber, has good stalking, and salmon and sea trout fishing

The Glorious Twelfth is not yet upon us, but the market in Scottish sporting estates is already booming, according to leading Highlands agents. Buyers are queuing up and prices, they say, are rising steadily. Only a year ago, the market in estates north of Perth was depressed: prices had dropped by between 25 and 40 per cent below the boom levels of three years ago. The agent Strutt & Parker says that at least ten estates were for sale.

In the past six months, however, prices and demand have risen. "Now buyers are having to wait patiently until estates are put on the market," Andrew Rettie, of Strutt & Parker, says. "There is a lack of good-quality supply but huge demand, especially from foreigners, who see these estates as good value, so prices are going up, although not dramatically.

"It is always difficult to talk about prices because there is no golden rule that applies to all estates."

Buyers are predominantly from the Continent, America and southern England, and there is modest interest from the Far East — so most agents concentrate their marketing abroad.

"We now have a long list of serious purchasers — more than 20 people — looking for good Highlands estates worth from £750,000 to £5 million," Mr Rettie says. "We have a list of buyers on our books with nearly £50 million to spend."

Foreigners with strong currencies are attracted by the weakness of sterling. "These people are seeking an enjoyable way of life combined with a medium-term investment. They take the view that Britain is emerging from recession and that anything acquired at 1993 prices will be seen as a good buy by the year 2000."

Allan Macpherson-Fletcher, laird of his own shooting estate and on the staff of the agent Hamptons, confirms that he has several rich would-be buyers. "The Dutch, the Belgians and the Swiss are interested. They are attracted by privacy. Try finding privacy in Switzerland or Holland. To Europeans, Scotland is cheap. You can buy 50,000 acres in Sutherland for the price of a terraced house in Lausanne."

Foreigners are also attracted by their acceptability to the locals, Mr Macpherson-Fletcher says. People with hefty wallets are welcomed.

"The best landlord, so far as the locals are concerned, is a rich landlord. Highlands estates are notoriously expensive.

"There are the keepers' wages, the upkeep of the roads, vehicle costs, the sporting rates and the upkeep of the house ... You can't just leave a sporting estate to go wild — its value is in the game."

But Mr Macpherson-Fletcher strikes a note of caution. "While it is true that we have buyers on our books at present, not many are prepared to commit themselves. They are happy to wait until estates are sold at what they think is the right price."

Their choice is limited. Only three new good-quality estates have been offered for sale since the start of the year. Two have attracted serious interest within weeks of coming on the market — both the Airsaig estate on the west coast of Scotland and the Camusrory Estate on the southeastern Knoydart Peninsula, are under offer.

The third, the Strone estate in the Highlands, has only just been put up up for sale.

Camusrory is typical of the reawakening market. The 8,000-acre estate includes one of Europe's last unexploited salt marshes. Good stalking produces 25 to 30 stags annually. The River Carnoch has salmon and sea trout fishing. "It's unusually beautiful," says Angus Crow, of the agent John Clegg & Co. "It went on the market for £600,000, and we've just tied up a deal in excess of that. There's very little quality stuff on the market."

The Camusrory deal, if it goes through will leave only three other estates on the market, half the usual total for the time of year, and a fraction of the 800 estates in total. The three are the Strone estate, the Glendessary estate in the west Highlands and the Gordon Bush estate in Sutherland. Both the latter have problems with long access roads and unattractive main houses, which is why they have yet to sell despite having been on the market for a year.

Mr Macpherson-Fletcher says that many of the estates put up for sale last year have now been withdrawn. "There is little coming to market that is fresh and new with quality sport," he says.

The most sought after estates, Mr Macpherson-Fletcher says, are those with good grouse moors, a manageable Georgian house or Victorian shooting lodge, and some fishing. Ideally, they should be original and intact, and have maintained their sport by good management.

Access is important: there is a premium on estates that are near airports, although this must be balanced with the need for privacy.

If demand keeps up and supply remains low, one option might be for buyers to purchase shares in the estates that do come up for sale.

"It's already happening on about three or four estates," Mr Macpherson-Fletcher says. "I think co-ownership will develop over the coming years."

ON THE MOVE

Ready to rise again

HOUSE PRICES will rise by 5 per cent by the end of this year, according to the National Westminster bank. *Rachel Kelly writes.* In 1994, they will rise by a further 7 per cent, says David Kern, the bank's chief economist.

He predicts that the largest increases between now and the end of 1994 will be in Wales, East Anglia, Yorkshire and Humberside, and the smallest rises in the South-east and the North.

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THE COST of moving house in England and Wales has plunged by almost 80 per cent in real terms over the past ten years, according to a survey from the Woolwich. Home purchase costs are by far the lowest in Europe, since the abolition of stamp duty on property worth up to £60,000.

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No 56 Village Road, Clifton Village, Nottinghamshire, was built in 1319 when Edward II was king, and is among Britain's oldest houses. Nottingham council is selling it with a long lease.

The house, built as a farmhouse, had an extension added in 1707 and the date is etched in the 18th-century brick wall. It still has a straw-thatched roof.

A council official says: "It is a remarkable example of a cruck building, in which tree branches were split and bent to form the framework of the house."

Welsh wonder

IN WALES a dilapidated 17th-century country mansion is for sale at £50,000 — less than the price of a semi. The house, on the banks of a salmon river, has 49 acres of woodland in its grounds. Edwinsford Mansion near Talley on the Cothi in Dyfed has fallen into decay after standing empty for years. But it has a spectacular Jacobean plaster ceiling and is surrounded by rolling lawns.

Bernard Kettle, a Birmingham businessman, is selling the house for £50,000 because any buyer would have to spend a lot on renovating the building.



Sold before it was completed: the Berkeley Homes show house at Ober Park, Brockenhurst in Hampshire

A traditional material is being used to add charm to nineties houses

Under the reeds, a house for today

A little secret lies behind two chocolate-box cottages that will soon come on the market, a puzzle solved only by a second glance: both are new.

The builder, Berkeley Homes, is learning about combining new methods with the best and sweetest of old to create houses with a difference. This might seem ideal, but has necessitated the solving of unusual problems.

Take thatch. Berkeley Homes is building a small development in Wiltshire, which includes a new thatched house. A water-reed thatch was specified because it lasts longer than the local combed wheat. But should the thatch be done in the sharp, cropped style of Norfolk, whence the reed came?

The answer is a compromise. The thatching company, Master Thatchers of Swindon, will sculpt the water reeds to the rounded outline typical of the pretty village of Bishopstone, where the thatched house should merge in well with the others.

A thatch's fire rating also requires careful thought: unless certain precautions are taken, 12 metres must be left between a new thatched building and its neighbours.

The thatchers are using aluminium foil, battened directly to the rafters, as a fire barrier.

Rob Harvie-Clark, the company's managing director, says this gives an hour's resistance, has the added advantage of being a heat-reflective insulator and enabled Berkeley Homes to comply with planning conditions so that two other detached houses could be accommodated on the Bishopstone site.

Thatch does not always fit a conventional house design, although roof timbers can often be strengthened and adapted to take it, says Mr Harvie-Clark.

"The design has to be comfortable with thatch. Thatch is very flexible, but if architects are let loose they can design structures that allow the water to collect in certain areas. That does not matter with a tiled roof, but it can be disastrous for thatch. The part that the water runs off in the greatest volume wears out the quickest."

> 'The cottage has caught the popular imagination'

Mr Harvie-Clark was involved with Berkeley Homes from the design stage, helping with planning the shape of the roof around the windows and the design of the "valleys". "The pitch is important," he explains.

"Thatch provides very good insulation," he adds. "It's warm in the winter and cool in the summer. It is also environmentally-friendly because it is made of natural materials and there is no waste."

The cost works out at £6 a sq ft, which is comparable with high-quality slate.

"Builders can charge a premium for thatched houses because they are attractive and, once built, have no known disadvantages. Most people like them and they sell quicker. There's a certain romantic appeal, and a thatch adds character. New houses tend to be rather anonymous."

Berkeley Homes has been delighted with its first new thatched show house, in an estate it built at Ober Park, Brockenhurst, Hampshire, which sold before completion.

Ober Park is a development of 14 five-bedroom houses on sale from £310,000 each. Materials are those that have long been used in local houses: flint, tiles and brick. The estate has just been officially opened.

The thatched show house has leaded windows, decorative living-room cornices, latched doors, a "distressed" (antique-look) oak kitchen, complete with imitation woodworm holes, a clay-tiled floor and a semi-tiled elevation. A second thatched house is being built.

Robert Hudson, managing director of Berkeley Homes Hampshire, says there are no fake oak beams. "We didn't want to go over the top," he explains. "We are using thatch because we try to design properties to suit the traditional architecture of an area.

"It costs more to thatch, and you have to be careful with the design of of the roof pitches ... it takes three or four weeks longer to complete a thatched house. And thatching is 75 per cent dearer than a tiled roof.

"Appearance is the main advantage. People's dream house in the country is invariably thatched, and ours have got that, but with all the advantages of modern houses. They must also be in the right location. Bishopstone is a pleasant thatched village.

"We're not sure yet what the overall response will be, but if reaction to the show house is anything to go by it is encouraging. Locally, the cottage has caught the popular imagination; people want to see it. New houses like this are few and far between, and if the latest one proves as popular as I expect, we shall do more.

"It's funny to say that thatch is new when it's been around for so long but it is new for us — we're on a learning curve."

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In his first strategy speech, the Chancellor of the Exchequer signalled 'an important shift in Treasury attitudes by suggesting that growth and backing British business would be his main goals..... Pages 1, 17

James Hunt dies of heart attack

■ The world of motor racing paid tribute last night to James Hunt the flamboyant former world champion and television commentator who died of a heart attack at his south London home. He won the world championship at the age of 27 in 1976 ..... Pages 5, 19, 44

Bosnia action

President Clinton raised the prospect of Western military intervention in Bosnia and a lifting of the arms embargo, and he said that Britain, France and Russia may eventually fall in line ..... Pages 1, 11

Timex to close

Timex is to close its factory in Dundee at the end of the year after a bitter five-month industrial dispute, the company said. The US electronics firm accused trade unions of doing "everything possible not to help us keep that plant going" ..... Page 1

Masks at Ascot

Royal Ascot opened with cloudless skies and a depleted royal presence after the Queen Mother withdrew from her second public engagement in two days. Cars clogged the entrances and Thames Valley police were issued with face masks to protect them from the pollution. Page 1

War papers

Foreign Office documents about some of the most sensitive episodes in both world wars, including behind-the-lines activities by the Special Operations Executive before D-Day, are expected to be released to the public..... Page 5

Saudi 'rocket'

A Saudi prince gave the British ambassador in Riyadh "a rocket" after it was alleged that Saudi Arabia was being used to divert arms from Britain to Iraq, the Scott enquiry was told .... Page 5

Sect pressure

Susan Teeney, a young mother died after Jehovah's Witnesses put "tremendous pressure" on her to refuse a blood transfusion, her doctor said..... Page 8

Silent right

Proposals to modify a defendant's right to remain silent have failed to win the unanimous backing of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, due to report on July 6 ..... Page 9

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Demand for medicinal plants is threatening the supply of raw materials that could provide new treatments for life-threatening diseases, according to a report ..... Page 9

Nadir's gift

The Conservative leadership finally admitted receiving £440,000 from the disgraced tycoon Asil Nadir after John Major faced fresh clashes in the Commons over secret donations to party funds ..... Page 10

Power restored

The Haitian parliament recognised Jean-Bertrand Aristide as the constitutional head of state and agreed to restore him to power under certain conditions..... Page 12

Malawi victory

Malawi's pro-democracy movement was set to secure a narrow victory in the referendum on whether to end 27 years of one-party rule ..... Page 12

Man beats belles to beauty prize

■ Damian Taylor, 24, an Australian surfer, has charmed his way into the record books by winning a beauty contest designed for women. He created an international splash by entering the contest, was crowned Miss — or rather Mister — Wintersun 1993, and promptly announced he would go for the big one — the Miss Australia title..... Page 12

ADRIAN BROOKS



Keeping the faith: Dick Lucas, rector of St Helen's Bishopsgate which was damaged in the IRA blasts, addressing a hearing yesterday on restoration plans. Behind him is the tomb of Sir John Spencer and wife, with daughter praying at their feet

Surprise in store: David Dworkin, who resigned as chief executive of Storehouse to return to America, was paid £3.3 million in his final year, including a performance bonus of £2.7 million ..... Page 23

Output rises: Manufacturing output has reached highest levels since mid-1989 as industry takes advantage of lower interest rates and the devaluation of the pound. Page 23

Markets: Shares eased in subdued trading as the City awaited Kenneth Clarke's Mansion House speech and the FT-SE 100 index closed down 15.5 at 2,870.0. On the foreign exchange sterling lost ground against the dollar, closing .53 cents at $1.5205 ..... Page 26

Cricket: Alan Lee assesses Merv Hughes, the Australian bowler, and finds "a man who is everyone's photofit image of a boorish ocker yet who has the heart and mind of a formidable sportsman" ..... Page 42

Basketball: Simon Barnes meets Charles Barkley, heart and soul of the Phoenix Suns, and finds a superstar who proclaims: "I am not a role model. It's not my job to raise your kids. My job is to wreak havoc on a basketball court" ..... Page 40

Football: Terry Venables has urged Tottenham Hotspurs' players and fans to carry on backing the club. The ousted chief executive said he had support to buy out club chairman Alan Sugar ..... Page 44

The bottom line: According to women's magazines, cellulite is the result of "special" fat cells trapping toxins. Julia Llewellyn Smith on anti-cellulite wonder cures Page 15

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Adding character: Builders can charge a premium for thatched houses because they are attractive and, once built, have no known disadvantages ..... Page 21

Lions of Venice: At the Venice Biennale, the English artist Richard Hamilton won a Golden Lion for his show that included images of the Northern Ireland troubles, and Hans Haacke smashed the floor of the German pavilion. Richard Cork reports ..... Page 35

The Hun's triumph: Verdi's opera *Attila* has returned to the Royal Opera stage with the superb American baritone Samuel Ramey in the title-role ..... Page 36

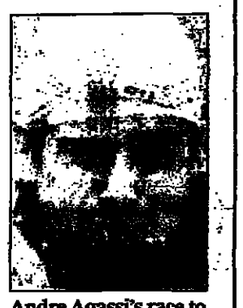
All our yesterdays: "TV Heaven", an archive of old television programmes and commercials, opens today at the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television in Bradford..... Page 37



An attempt by China to bar the Dalai Lama, the Tibetan spiritual leader, from speaking at the world human rights conference failed
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Tracey Venables, daughter of Terry Venables and Tottenham Hotspurs national membership secretary, has been sacked
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Andre Agassi's race to get fit in time to defend his Wimbledon title suffered a blow when he lost in the first round of the *Halle tournament*
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TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Playing across the nation

■ A top dramatist, 60 amateur theatre companies, a new play premiered simultaneously across Britain: for the sheer numbers involved, there is nothing in theatre quite like the BT Biennial

Millionaires and charity

■ How much do millionaires give to charity, and do they have a voice in how their money is spent? Frank Field on the giving business

Can they go to the big game?

■ Will England's football supporters be able to break the rules and buy World Cup match tickets at the gate?

TV & RADIO

Plea bargaining, by which defendants are offered lighter sentences if they agree to plead guilty, is a common feature of the New York courts. But do we want it in Britain? *Inside Story: New York Law* (BBC1, 9.30pm) ..... Page 43

COMMENT

Good politics

Kenneth Clarke's Mansion House speech showed what it means to have a "political" Chancellor — in the best sense of that word Page 17

New out of Africa

The decisive vote in Malawi to end the one-party state marks the end of the post-colonial era and explodes the myth of the "anti-imperialist struggle" ..... Page 17

Old boating weather

It is a safe bet, in a branch of historiography where superlatives are always a provocation, to state that today is the first time that an ancient Greek trireme will row on the Tideway to the Houses of Parliament while a production of Aristophanes' *Lysistrata* is in performance on the South Bank ..... Page 17

SIMON JENKINS

America appears to have embarked on a parody of Lord Milner's moral imperialism. Presidents Bush and Clinton have both implied that disorder or inhumanity anywhere on earth is a threat to America's spiritual wellbeing and may be countered with force. This is a novel projection of American power..... Page 16

ALAN COREN

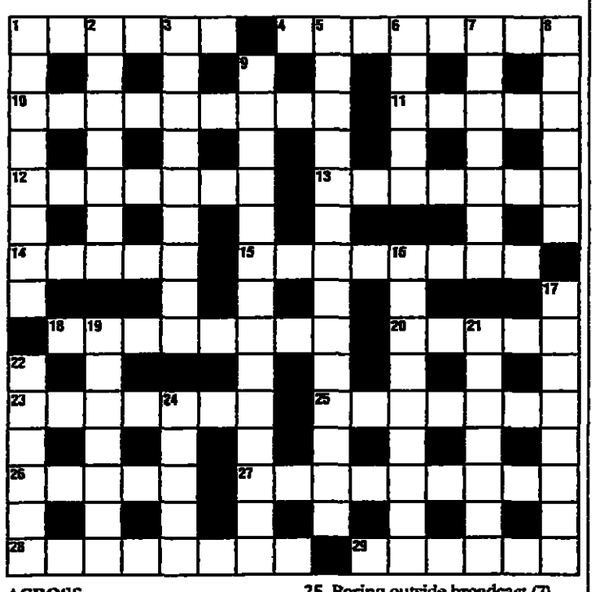
Faith in Ian McCaskill or Suzanne Charlton is vested exclusively in their ability to bang on about troughs and isobars and occluded fronts; we laymen do not want to see a map dotted with "a bit parky" and "turned out nice again" Page 16

The politics of the Arts Council cuts under attack..... Page 17

There are risks in Somalia — risks to the United Nations peacekeepers, risks of getting mired down — and the time could come when the UN mission restoring Somalia would have to be reviewed. But that time is not yet. It would be wrong for the United Nations to cut and run at a single harsh testing of its resolve

— The Washington Post

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.36	2.16
Austria Sch	18.50	17.00
Belgium Fr	54.30	49.90
Canada $	2.06	1.92
Denmark Kr	10.12	9.32
Finland Mkr	8.97	8.17
France Fr	9.86	8.16
Germany Dm	2.63	2.43
Greece Dr	355.00	330.00
Hong Kong $	12.47	11.47
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lira	2350.00	2205.00
Japan Yen	175.75	159.75
Netherlands Gld	2.955	2.725
Norway Kr	11.11	10.51
Portugal Esc	247.25	229.25
South Africa Rd	6.18	5.68
Spain Pta	196.50	183.50
Sweden Kr	11.83	10.83
Switzerland Fr	2.34	2.16
Turkey Lira	16300.0	15300.0
USA $	1.63	1.50

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WEATHER

Rain over Northern Ireland and Wales will spread to all areas in the morning. It will be heavy over the Welsh hills, the Pennines and northern Scotland. Brighter weather and showers will follow from the West. Rain will persist into the evening over northern Scotland and southeast England. It will be breezy in places, with a brisk southwesterly. Outlook: mainly dry and sunny, some showers in the West.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	22	72	s	Majorca	25	77	s
Akrotiri	27	81	s	Malaga	25	77	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Malta	23	73	f
Algiers	27	81	s	Melb'rne	12	54	c
Amst'dm	18	61	s	Mexico C*	21	70	f
Bahrain	37	99	s	Miami*	31	88	f
Bangkok	32	90	f	Milan	25	77	s
Barbados*	27	81	c	Montreal*	28	82	s
Barcelna	23	73	s	Moscow	14	57	r
Beirut	26	79	s	Munich	18	61	f
Belgrade	22	72	f	Naples	22	72	f
Berlin	13	55	c	N Delhi	36	97	f
Bermuda*	22	72	f	N York*	28	82	s
Biarritz	16	61	c	Nice	23	73	f
Bordx's	19	66	c	Oslo	13	55	c
Brussels	17	63	s	Paris	17	63	c
Budapst	23	73	f	Peking	32	90	s
B Aires*	15	59	c	Perth	18	64	c
Cairo	37	99	s	Prague	12	54	r
Cape Tn	17	63	s	Reykjavik	11	52	s
Chicago*	26	79	s	Rio de J	24	76	f
Ch'church	12	54	s	Riyadh	42	108	s
Cologne	17	63	f	Rome	22	72	f
C'phagn	17	63	f	Salzburg	15	59	r
Corfu	24	75	f	S Fr'sco*	20	68	s
Dublin	15	59	r	Santiago*	11	52	f
Dubrovnik	24	75	f	S Paulo*	19	66	s
Faro	27	81	s	Seoul	27	81	f
Florence	22	72	f	Sing'por	30	86	f
Frankfurt	15	59	f	Stockhlm	12	54	c
Funchal	24	75	s	Strasb'rg	18	64	c
Geneva	19	66	c	Sydney	15	59	s
Gibraltar	23	73	s	Tangier	29	84	s
Helsinki	16	61	f	Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Hong K	31	88	c	Tenerife	25	77	s
Innsbrck	18	64	f	Tokyo	29	84	s
Istanbul	28	79	f	Toronto*	25	77	f
Jeddah	34	93	s	Tunis	27	81	f
Jo'burg*	14	57	s	Valencia	30	86	s
L Palmas	24	75	f	Vanc'ver*	15	59	r
Le Touet	17	63	c	Venice	22	72	f
Lisbon	31	88	s	Vienna	21	70	s
Locarno	22	72	s	Warsaw	13	55	r
L Angels*	23	73	s	Wash'ton*	28	79	s
Luxembg	14	57	r	Wel'mton	11	52	f
Luxor	40	104	s	Zurich	15	59	c
Madrid	28	82	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 21C (70F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Humidity: 6pm, 39 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.09in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 12.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,023.0 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Monday: Highest day temp: Famborough, Hampshire, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 08C (46F); highest rainfall: Weddington, Lincolnshire, 0.75in; highest sunshine: Stornoway, Western Isles, 11.1hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 8am, SC (41F).

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.5	-	11	52	cloudy
Anglesey	0.6	0.41	14	57	rain
Belfast	4.0	0.14	15	59	rain
Birmingham	0.5	0.24	15	59	rain
Bognor Regis	0.8	0.32	16	61	shower
Bournemouth	0.2	0.19	18	64	shower
Bristol	0.1	0.24	16	61	drizzle
Cardiff	-	0.49	14	57	fog
Colwyn Bay	-	0.49	14	57	rain
Cromer	0.6	0.26	11	52	rain
Eastbourne	1.1	0.35	15	59	rain
Edinburgh	3.4	0.17	12	54	bright
Exmouth	0.5	0.30	18	64	shower
Falmouth	-	0.31	16	61	rain
Folkestone	1.3	0.25	15	59	rain
Glasgow	2.8	0.13	14	57	rain
Hastings	0.4	0.22	14	57	drizzle
Hunstanton	-	0.26	12	54	rain
Leeds	-	0.46	11	52	rain
Littlehampton	1.3	0.35	16	61	shower
Liverpool	-	0.37	13	55	cloudy
London	0.5	0.27	17	63	rain
Lowestoft	-	0.12	13	55	rain
Margate	-	0.20	16	61	rain
Morecambe	0.1	0.33	13	55	rain
Newcastle	0.6	0.12	11	52	rain
Newquay	-	0.26	-	-	x.rain
Nottingham	-	0.48	12	54	rain
Penzance	-	0.31	15	59	cloudy
Plymouth	0.1	0.28	15	59	rain
Poole	0.3	0.18	19	66	cloudy
Sidcombe	0.2	0.50	16	61	rain
Staunton Snd	-	0.47	13	55	rain
Scarborough	2.2	0.28	12	54	rain
Southend	-	0.27	16	61	rain
Southsea	-	0.08	17	63	shower
Swanage	0.5	0.23	17	63	shower
Teignmouth	2.3	0.28	18	64	shower
Tenby	1.2	0.50	18	64	cloudy
Torquay	0.3	0.14	19	66	rain
Weymouth	0.6	0.25	15	59	shower

These are Monday's figures

London 9.50 pm to 4.13 am
Bristol 9.59 pm to 4.23 am
Edinburgh 10.31 pm to 3.56 am
Manchester 10.10 pm to 4.09 am
Penzance 10.04 pm to 4.42 am

Sun rises: 4.43 am
Sun sets: 9.20 pm
Moon sets 5.48pm
Moon rises 2.10am
New moon June 20

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	r	Guernsey	13	55	c
B'ingham	16	61	s	Inverness	13	55	c
Blackpool	14	57	f	Jersey	15	59	c
Bristol	17	63	s	London	18	64	s
Cardiff	18	64	s	M'nchester	16	61	c
Edinburgh	17	63	c	Newcastle	15	59	c
Glasgow	15	59	c	R'nldeway	13	55	c



Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.49	6.0		
Aberdeen	11.30	3.4		
Avonmouth	4.50	10.5	5.16	10.7
Belfast	8.59	2.9	9.32	3.0
Cardiff	4.36	9.9	5.01	10.0
Devonport	3.15	4.5	3.55	4.8
Dover	9.08	5.4	9.23	5.6
Falmouth	2.45	4.3	3.25	4.4
Glasgow	11.13	3.9	11.31	4.0
Harwich	8.50	3.4	10.08	3.4
Holyhead	8.26	4.6	9.10	4.7
Hull	4.17	6.0	4.34	6.2
Ilfracombe	3.46	7.3	4.14	7.4
King's Lynn	4.27	5.0	4.41	5.2
Leith	12.19	4.5	12.33	4.5

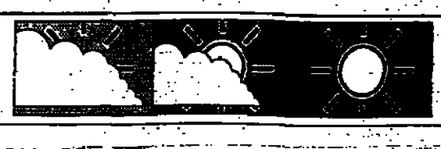
TODA	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	9.12	7.8	9.43	7.9
Lowestoft	7.52	2.1	7.37	2.1
Margate	10.05	4.1	10.18	4.1
Milford Haven	4.07	5.5	4.35	5.6
Newquay	3.04	5.6	3.31	5.7
Oban	3.58	3.2	4.13	3.1
Penzance	2.28	4.5	3.2	4.6
Portland	3.54	1.4	4.43	1.6
Portsmouth	9.06	3.8	9.38	4.2
Shoreham	9.16	4.9	9.38	5.2
Southampton	9.03	3.8	9.27	4.0
Swansea	4.07	7.5	4.34	7.6
Tees	1.34	4.5	1.48	4.6
Wilton-on-Nze	9.50	3.6	10.7	3.6



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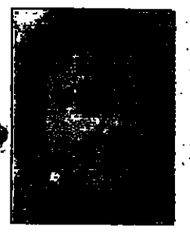
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Goods output at best rate for four years

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH manufacturers are producing goods at the strongest rate since mid-1989, with output in April back to early-1991 levels, clearly profiting from the lower interest rates and weaker pound made possible by the departure from the exchange-rate mechanism in September.

Manufacturing output was 2.2 per cent up in the three months to April, compared with the previous quarter. The Treasury said this was the best performance since November, 1988. The Central Statistical Office estimates that manufacturing output is running at an annual rate of 5 per cent growth, although there is no guarantee that this will continue.

Industrial output was unchanged in April, from the previous month, but 0.6 per cent up in the three months to April, compared with the previous quarter. The output of production industries was particularly affected by lower oil production as well as sharp falls in the production of gas and electricity, because of milder than usual weather, and coal, as the new lower volume contracts between British Coal and the electricity generators came into force.

Set against the good news from the manufacturing sector, was evidence that Britain's large manufacturing companies' financial position is getting no more comfortable. The CSO's quarterly survey of company liquidity showed that the liquidity ratio had fallen in the latest quarter to 95 from 101 in the last quarter of 1992.

Any figure below 100 — and this is the first time large manufacturers have seen their ratio fall below this level since the first quarter of 1987 — is negative because it means companies' liabilities exceed their assets.

The ratio for all large UK industrial and commercial companies slipped back slightly to 109 from 110 in the fourth quarter of last year, while the liquidity ratio of large non-manufacturing firms improved substantially to 132 from 121.

The most notable bright spot in manufacturing in April was the car sector, which saw growth in the production of cars up 8.1 per cent in the three months to April compared with the previous three. Minerals and mineral products were the most buoyant sector with growth of 6.9 per cent between the two quarters.

There was also another buoyant performance in the electricals group, largely because of healthy sales of computers, which have risen 14 per cent in the quarter to April. Building materials were also up, particularly plastics and packaging.

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SEEKING



MEPC, responsible for Alban Gate, announced a £222 million rights issue as the property sector showed signs of revival

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High street sales are edging forward but the strength of the upturn is uncertain, said the Confederation of British Industry

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Wessex Water

Acquisitions sent profits at Wessex Water flowing ahead by 12 per cent to £86 million last year. The dividend rises to 21.5p

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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5205 (-0.0053)
German mark .. 2.4894 (+0.0092)
Exchange index ..... 79.5 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2870.0 (-15.5)
Dow Jones ... 3504.18 (-10.51)*
Nikkei Avg .. 20045.86 (-351.47)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 5 15/16-5 13/16%
US Federal Funds..... 3 1/16%*
3-month Treas Bills . 3.05-3.04%*
Long Bond 6.80%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5219*	£:$	1.5225
$:DM	1.6375*	£:DM	2.4916
$:SWfr	1.4630*	£:SWfr	2.2214
$:Ffr	5.5095*	£:Ffr	8.3240
$:Yen	105.60*	£:Yen	161.05
£:SDR	1.0735	£:ECU	1.2715

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 365.00 ..... PM 365.35
Close 365.50-366.00
New York:
Comex 365.45-365.95*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 140.6 April (1.3%)

* Denotes midday trading price

Governor laments lost battle against inflation

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

ROBIN Leigh-Pemberton, the outgoing Governor of the Bank of England, told bankers at Guildhall last night that Britain's biggest failure of the past ten years was its inability to control inflation and the price paid in successively higher levels of unemployment.

In what will probably be his last big speech as Governor, Mr Leigh-Pemberton highlighted mistakes in monetary policy, the Bank's main area of responsibility, in the ten years he has been in charge.

He said: "There has been a price to be paid for our failure to lock in price stability when we had the opportunity. That price is the successively higher level of unemployment with which we have begun the past three recessions when action was necessary to control inflation."

He also made clear, in view of the debate provoked by the resignation speech of Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, that he supports independence for the Bank. At the same time, he expressed some sympathy with those who object to the idea on the grounds of accountability to Parliament and urged everyone to work together to devise greater autonomy for the central bank, coupled with some form of democratic accountability.

The Governor said the unsustainable boom in the second half of the 1980s was evidence enough of a number of mistaken monetary policy decisions. "Whatever the precise errors, there is little doubt that the combination of misleading statistics and inappropriate intermediate targets combined to leave the economy adrift in a turbulent financial sea."

He opened his speech last night with a quotation from his first Mansion House speech as Governor in October 1983, in which he highlighted high unemployment, companies in difficulty and the emerging prize of recovery and low inflation. "Nothing would be more damaging to our prospects than failure to sustain the improvement in inflationary expectations so painfully won," he said then. Yesterday, he lamented: "The sad fact that I could use exactly the same words today reflects the principal failure of policy in the intervening years — that we did not keep inflation under control."

Speaking about the policy of targeting the exchange rate within the exchange-rate mechanism, Mr Leigh-Pemberton said that it had failed because counter-inflationary credibility "cannot be acquired by tying oneself to the mast when the conditions are so adverse that the mast breaks in the wind".

Like many other officials before him, he highlighted the unprecedented disparity in the economic performances of the German and other European economies. Mr Leigh-Pemberton said that he believed that the new policy framework put in place after sterling's departure from the ERM will prove both successful and workable.

He reiterated the importance of the new official inflation target, announced in the last Mansion House speech by Mr Lamont, but said that the absence of any simple and reliable intermediate target (broad money supply or the exchange rate) meant that it is "vital that the authorities explain clearly and fully why they believe that the policy stance is consistent with meeting the inflation target".

He spoke approvingly of the new quarterly *Inflation Report* published by the Bank, introduced by Mr Lamont in last year's Mansion House speech. He said that "honestly and openly applied", the new model of monitoring inflationary tendencies (including the Inflation Report) "will fly more successfully than its predecessors".

He said that, although the government had failed to keep inflation under control, there had been progress, with inflation rising by 65 per cent over the past ten years compared with a 260 per cent increase in the previous decade. But that was still remote from the Bank's long-term objective.



Parting shot: Robin Leigh-Pemberton highlighted unemployment as the price for policy mistakes of the past ten years

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All policy options kept open

KENNETH Clarke left all his economic policy options open in a broad but notably unspecific speech that is unlikely to provoke a great deal of reaction — positive or negative — in the City (Janet Bush writes).

There were no answers on two of the virulent sources of City speculation in recent days: interest rates and the question of central bank independence. Interest rates were mentioned once — long-term rather than base rates — and Mr Clarke declined to pre-empt what he expected to be increased debate about the the Bank of England's position.

The Chancellor carefully covered all bases required by the economics community, highlighting his commitment to fighting inflation, to bringing down the public sector deficit and ensuring sustainable recovery. But there was one important change in tone and that came in the balance between the first and last of these objectives.

Government rhetoric has on many previous occasions identified low inflation as the prerequisite for sustained growth. But Mr Clarke (and the City may find this significant from a man it regards as more likely to "go for growth" than his predecessor) said: "Low inflation cannot be the sole end of economic policy. It is necessary — absolutely necessary — but on its own, low inflation is not enough."

Director goes with payment of £3.2m

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

PAYMENTS totalling £3.78 million to two former executives are recorded in the latest accounts from Storehouse, the retailer, and Allied-Lyons, the brewer.

Storehouse shareholders will soon learn that David Dworkin, the former chief executive, who resigned in February to relocate to his native America and run the Carter Hawley Hale department store group, received a payment of £3.29 million for his last year of office.

This consists of a basic salary increased from £344,586 to £575,850 and a £2.71 million "long-term performance bonus" stemming from his arrival as chairman and chief executive of BhS, a main constituent of Storehouse, in 1989. A spokesman said the profit-related bonus was recognition of his work in nursing BhS back to the black.

Further compensation to five former Storehouse directors, after the reshaping and disposal of Habitat, totalled £1.16 million.

At Allied-Lyons, John Giffen, who formally retired aged 54 in February as deputy chairman of the Hiram Walker wines and spirits division, will receive £486,000, or two years' salary, as compensation for loss of office.



Dworkin: going home

No quick cure for chronic ailments



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Somewhat unexpectedly, a theme emerged from last night's speeches at Guildhall — an earnest desire, notably by those near the end of their term of office, to examine past mistakes to ensure they are not repeated by newcomers such as Kenneth Clarke. Some hope.

There does not seem to be much argument that a £1 billion-a-week budget deficit damages the economy, whether directly, through keeping long-term interest rates too high, or indirectly, through the trade gap and the exchange rate. Yet, the circular arguments over tax increases and spending cuts do not seem likely to get to the heart of that problem. The economy has become so distorted that 1.6 million were registered as unemployed at the height of an unsustainable boom. No economy can function in a lean and dynamic way in the long term with such waste of resource and such a burden on public finances.

That was as evident in the late eighties as the ignored credit boom to which so much guilty retrospect is now devoted. Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the retiring Governor, blames the structural rise in unemployment on failure to control inflation, which certainly played a part through high money interest rates. Social and industrial changes were also prominent causes.

There is little evidence that this central issue is being addressed. Take, for instance, the review of social security spending. Ministers found a huge rise in the cost of invalidity benefits, which has doubled in five years. Most of that rise, perhaps 500,000 people, is disguised unemployment. When jobs are scarce, the least fit stay at the bottom of the list. Doctors and administrators have taken pity on those redundant middle-aged manual workers who have little hope of finding another job before retirement and can be saved the indignities of the dole. If the rules were tougher, the main effect would be to swell unemployment or other benefits instead.

Take the review of the equal pension age, where there is tremendous pressure to raise women's retirement age to 65 to save money. The main effect will be to raise unemployment among younger people, many with families, which is likely to be more costly. Targeting pensions might prove equally counter-productive. Income support for pensioners already adds nearly a seventh to the basic state pension bill. Deregulation, when not properly thought through, too often leads to the state subsidising the private sector. Planned railway reforms, aimed to cut net subsidies in the long run, will probabaly increase public spending for several years. Removal of protection from the coal industry, while worthy in motive, has cost taxpayers dear. Removing rent controls swelled housing benefits.

The trend to casual and part-time work, accelerated by progressive removal of minimum wages, has cut national insurance and income tax receipts, while swelling social security payments to families to top up their income. Underlying such issues is the breakdown of the tradition that a job should pay a living wage and that adult wages should be able to support a family, even if only meanly. It scarcely matters how far that stems from pressure from industry, linked to a strong desire to cut overheads, and how far from autonomous social trends breaking down the traditional family. Such trends take a long time to reverse. Meanwhile, the demands on social spending will continue, whichever budget they turn up in.

Reversing the industrial trends that brought such high structural unemployment will also take more than one cycle. If the retiring Governor is right, exorcising short-termism will take years of sustained low inflation and interest rates — though financing the deficit with more index-linked stocks might help. Creation of wealth and jobs must come from rapid growth in industries where continuing long-term productivity gains are high, but which have behaved like services or mature businesses, cutting costs and ambitions to survive.

Long-term problems will not be cured unless they are addressed now. That examination will, however, provide no magic short-term cures for the deficit. That is best dealt with by general belt-tightening, via small rises in near-universal taxes, modest cuts in transfer payments, or both.

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CBI wary about retail sales rise

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

HIGH street sales increased again last month, the Confederation of British Industry said, adding that the strength of the upturn in retailing remains uncertain.

The results of the CBI's latest distributive trades survey come before government figures today on retail sales, which City economists are forecasting will show continued growth, of about 3 per cent year-on-year.

CBI economists remain sceptical about how closely the government's figures are tracking retail sales, since they imply an annual growth rate of about 7 per cent, while the CBI's figures suggest an annual rate of less than half that.

Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades panel, said: "I am not getting retailers saying to me that they think the government's figures are closer to reality than our figures — quite the reverse."

In recent months, the CBI's survey has tended to be less optimistic than the official figures, but CBI leaders believe their surveys are better at picking up price discounting, which they believe is a central component of the current retail position.

Prices are rising across the retailing sector, but at the same level as they were three months ago, and less sharply than retailers had been predicting. Price discounting may well have been the reason behind the continuing improvement in retail sales, the CBI said, as companies struggled to win business in highly competitive markets.

While the volume of sales last month was positive, with a balance — those recording an increase set against those reporting a decline — of 28 per cent of the 15,000 companies involved in the CBI survey saying that the volume of sales was up, the figure is less than the levels of the previous two months and lower than the expected level of 41 per cent.

Mr Whittaker said that the improvement in sales was "encouraging", but said volumes "remain well below normal for the time of year. There is still a question mark over the strength of the growth in consumer demand".

Retailers expect stronger growth this month, but the CBI was careful to point out that recent expectations had proved to be over-optimistic in the past two months.

Among the other key findings of the survey were:

☐ **Jobs.** Employment across the sector rose last month, for the first time since February 1990, driven by an increase in jobs in wholesaling.

☐ **Confidence.** Business optimism is up, rising from 24 per cent in February to 41 per cent last month — the best rating since February 1987.

☐ **Investment.** Capital expenditure plans remain positive, though the balance last month of 12 per cent has fallen from the 17 per cent in February.



Flowering of profits: Bryan Weston, chairman of Manweb, left, and John Roberts, his chief executive

Manweb pushes up dividend

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

A 15 per cent rise in dividend is reported by Manweb, the electricity company that serves north Wales and the North West. News of the payment, accompanied by pre-tax profits up from £94.7 million to £111.2 million in the year to end-March, comes a day after East Midlands Electricity announced a 14 per cent rise. But Bryan Weston, the Manweb chairman, denied the company was in a dividend race. The decision to raise the total from 18.25p to 21p by means of 14.9p final was taken some weeks before the reporting season began.

Manweb saw profits from the core distribution business sink by 4.6 per cent to £101.4 million, despite a 1 per cent rise in volumes, because of a freeze in charges for transporting electricity over the network. The supply business, however, saw a swing from £5.3 million losses to £6.9 million profits.

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DAIRY CREST

US inflation rate tumbles to 1.7%

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

US INFLATION slowed sharply in May, after a strong surge in April, confirming that of all the problems facing the US economy, inflation is not the most pressing. Interest rates are expected to stay low after yesterday's data, at least for the time being.

The consumer prices index rose 0.1 per cent in May, an annualised rate of 1.7 per cent and a steep fall from the 5.1 per cent in April, according to the US labour department. With yesterday's and other recent economic data, the April figures look increasingly like a statistical aberration to the great relief of financial markets and the Clinton administration.

Yesterday's consumer price figures are expected to signal a continuation of the Federal Reserve's wait and see approach to US short-term interest rates, which are now at about 3 per cent and expected to remain at this level for at least another two months.

The release of the April data came only a few days before an open market committee meeting at the Fed, which is believed to have decided to "lean" towards higher rates in the future amid fears of higher inflation.

Lloyd Bentsen, the US Treasury secretary, said yesterday he saw "positive signs" on the economy.

Among those are rising profits in the US corporate sector. Wages also seem to be on the rise, according to labour department statistics which showed a real-term rise in average weekly non-farm earnings of 1.6 per cent in May, the largest monthly rise since February 1982.



Bentsen: positive signs

Asset sales kill jobs says report

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

BURGEONING budget deficits are forcing the pace of privatisation in western Europe but the massive productivity gains from asset sales will produce a jump in unemployment, one of the main factors behind the fiscal deficits.

This is one of the conclusions in the latest report from Morgan Stanley, the US investment bank, which shows that planned privatisations in the next five years could raise the region's exchequers by $100-$150 billion.

A special working party of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development agreed in Paris yesterday that industrial nations needed to tackle budget deficits to alleviate problems in Europe's currency system and create more room for manoeuvre on monetary policy. Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank vice-president, said participants were concerned that fiscal deficits could undermine business confidence.

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News Corp in talks on TVB stake

BY OUR CITY STAFF

SIR Run Run Shaw, chairman of Shaw Brothers (Hong Kong) Limited, Robert Kuok, chairman of Kerry Group Limited, and Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation Limited, have had discussions which have reached an advanced stage on the acquisition by News Corp, subject to necessary regulatory approvals, of a 22 per cent interest in Television Broadcasts Limited from Shaw Brothers and the Kerry Group and their associates.

After the acquisition it is intended that Shaw Brothers and the Kerry Group will each continue to own an interest in TVB approximately equal to that to be owned by News Corp.

Sir Run Run Shaw, who is also executive chairman of TVB, Mr Kuok, and Mr Murdoch stated that TVB intends to expand its current television operations, including the provision of satellite broadcasting throughout Asia.

BCCI client charged with theft of £2.77m

BY JON ASHWORTH

A BANKRUPT East African hotelier who borrowed more than £2.7 million from the Bank of Credit and Commerce International has appeared in court in London charged with five counts of theft.

Shiraz Kassam, former chairman of the Baron Group hotel chain, was arrested at Heathrow airport on Sunday evening. He has been living in Portugal. Kassam, 45, who was declared bankrupt owing £140 million to banks and building societies, appeared at Bow Street Magistrates Court yesterday charged with five offences of obtaining a pecuniary advantage by deception.

He was remanded in custody until June 22. The charges follow an investigation by the Serious Fraud Office, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Police, into the affairs of Baron Group, which was placed in receivership in 1990. The charges allege that Kassam dishonestly obtained various amounts totalling £2.77 million by increasing his overdraft with BCCI between May and August 1990.

Mr Kassam formerly owned the 1,960-acre Orchardleigh Park estate in Frome, Somerset. It bought for £3.5 million in 1987 with the intention of building two hotels and two golf courses, was put up for sale last July at £8 million.

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MANSION HOUSE SPEECHES

Small firms need protection against volatile interest rates



Hugh Smith: fixed rate plea

SIR Andrew Hugh Smith, chairman of the London Stock Exchange, last night made a plea for small businesses to be able to secure relief from the volatility of interest rates.

In a speech at the Mansion House dinner, the theme of which was the financing of industry, Sir Andrew said small business borrows a high proportion of its finance on variable rates of interest and, therefore, was exceptionally vulnerable to volatility in the cost of money.

The consequences of interest rate volatility were extreme, and bad debts had gravely affected corporate liquidity and damaged the profitability of clearing banks, which were a critically important source of business credit, he noted.

He also said there was a shortage of equity capital, particularly for those small to medium-sized businesses who cannot make a public offer of shares, and who rely principally on bank borrowings supported by property-based collateral.

Banks have been providing equity capital, at least in terms of risk, but had no prospect of the rewards of equity. It should surprise no one that, in the wake of a deep recession, banks now express a lack of enthusiasm to bear that risk without an appropriate return.

The issues were, he said, a challenge to the City and a challenge to government, and he suggested fixed-rate loan finance be made far more readily available, and that its substitution for variable rate borrowings should be encouraged.

Sir Andrew said the City wanted to revive the corporate bond market in London, which would provide long-term finance for industry. Industry cannot afford to compete with government for long-term fixed-interest finance, he said.

The Stock Exchange chairman, in reference to the planned closure of the Unlisted Securities Market, said the question of whether an alternative second level market, with less onerous regulatory demands, is needed for companies which may not be suitable for the official list, was under examination.

Sir Andrew, in a suggestion to encourage wider share ownership and wider public interest in the stock market, and especially in smaller companies, noted that the proportion of institutional funds for investment in the smallest companies is strictly limited, and said the government should correct fiscal distortions which penalised individual share ownership.

He called specifically for a reform of capital gains tax which, he said, weighs the odds heavily against the individual investor.

Mortgage interest and capital gains tax relief tips the balance of advantage heavily against industry and towards home ownership, he said. "It is also ironical that, at a time when small business needs encouragment and investment, the BES scheme is to be withdrawn", Sir Andrew said. In its present form, the BES scheme has clearly become the plaything of the tax avoidance industry, he added. Those experts will never have done more damage if their efforts result in the abandonment of government encouragement of individuals' investment in industry, he said.

"We need not the abandonment of the BES scheme, but its reform", Sir Andrew said.

Low inflation is key to growth without tears



Civic plea: Sir Francis McWilliams made the case for capital spending in London

■ *In extracts from the Chancellor's first Mansion House speech, Kenneth Clarke sets out objectives of his economic policy and how he proposes to achieve them*

When I am judged in due course as Chancellor, I should like to be remembered as a Chancellor who helped British industry and British commerce through another difficult period and again helped in my own small way to make a difference to the wealth-creating capacity of the nation. Or perhaps, more simply, as a Chancellor under whom the British businessman and woman and their workforce were able to earn a better living.

As I see it, the objectives of economic policy over the period ahead are threefold.

To keep inflation within the established target range of 1-4 per cent, bringing it within the lower half of that range by the end of this Parliament.

To restore the public finances to better health and back towards balance over the medium term.

And to sustain the recovery and ensure that it is a durable one.

Those aims are complementary. We will not achieve sustainable growth and steady recovery unless we maintain low inflation. And we cannot have a healthy economy without healthy public finances.

I do not underestimate the task. Designing policy to deliver all three objectives will be a formidable undertaking. But in some ways I face a better combination of circumstances than perhaps any other finance minister in the European Community.

Britain's competitiveness has improved markedly compared with our western rivals. Our labour market is one of the most flexible in Europe. And we attract more inward investment than any other EC country. A degree of cautious optimism is far from foolhardy — it is fully justified.

Above all, it is justified because of the dramatic progress we have made in getting inflation down. My commitment to maintaining that low inflation is second to none. And my political instincts re-inforce my political duty.

I know how socially destructive inflation can be. It penalises people on fixed incomes. It redistributes wealth arbitrarily from one group to another — from the saver to the borrower, from the old to the young. It destroys the budgets of the National Health Service and other great public services. And it confuses the price signals on which an efficient market economy depends. For all these reasons, I am absolutely determined to keep inflation in the UK down to rates which match the best among our competitors.

And here I must pay tribute to my predecessor, Norman Lamont. It was his perseverence — with the full support of the Prime Minister — that brought inflation down to its lowest level for a generation. And it was that success which made it possible to cut interest rates before and after we left the ERM. Monetary policy in the last few months of our ERM membership was indeed tighter than was required to keep inflation on a downward track. But the suggestion that we could have avoided painful measures in the preceding years if we had then been outside the ERM is, in the opinion of this pro-European, mere delusion.

I have the good fortune to have inherited a position in which inflation is at a 30-year low. As a result, we have been able safely to reduce interest rates to their lowest level for 15 years. I am not going to squander that inheritance by embarking on policies which allow inflation to return.

But low inflation cannot be the sole end of economic policy. It is necessary — absolutely necessary — but on its own, low inflation is not enough. Growth, employment and a better standard of living are the ultimate goals to which every aspect of economic policy must contribute.

Monetary policy

Let me start with monetary policy. It is still less than a year since sterling's membership of the ERM was suspended and a new monetary framework was put in place. That is a very short time in the annals of monetary history.

But one thing is already clear. The conduct of monetary policy outside a fixed exchange rate system is very much an art, not a science. As in other countries, including the United States and Germany, discretion and judgement are unavoidable features of policy-making.

The principle that guides judgement is much more straightforward. Monetary policy has to be directed to achieving the Government's inflation target.

We have made good progress since last autumn. Despite a substantial relaxation in the monetary stance, the squeeze on inflationary pressures has been maintained. And, along with other countries, our long term interest rates are now significantly lower than they were in September.

Nonetheless, there have been some criticisms of the framework which has helped us to achieve this. As always, there are some who want us to name the indicator which we regard most highly, and for movements in that lodestone to be followed automatically by a change in the stance of policy. I do not believe that life can ever be so simple. Since it is not, I shall continue to follow a policy of paying regard to a range of indicators, including the growth of both narrow and broad money in relation to their ranges; the signals coming from movements in asset prices; and the behaviour of the exchange rate.

I understand why business, for example, looks particularly to the exchange rate for some degree of stability. But outside a formal fixed exchange rate system, monetary policy cannot be decided purely on the basis of the exchange rate alone. The history of monetary policy is strewn with examples of how excessive reliance on a single indicator, whatever it may be, can all too often result in the wrong decisions, taken at the wrong time.

As long as we remain outside the ERM — and I do not expect that the circumstances in which we might return will apply for quite some time — it will be essential to review — on a consistent basis, month-by-month — the full range of evidence available.

Let me just say a word about how that evidence will be considered and how monetary decisions will be taken. I have already had my first monthly meeting with the Governor on monetary policy. In fact, it was the present Deputy Governor who stood in for the Governor, who was unavoidably overseas. I look forward to working in partnership with Eddie George and his colleagues. I first met Eddie on Black Wednesday and he and I have no intention of facing a re-run of that event or anything like it.

The issue of an independent Central Bank has important Parliamentary implications and will no doubt now be the subject of more Parliamentary and other debate. I have no intention of rushing into or anticipating that debate.

Getting the fiscal deficit down

The thriving, growing, competing economy I want to see also depends crucially on our ability to reduce borrowing and restore sound public finances.

Debt is debt, whether the result of the recession or not. And all debt has to be serviced. In the space of four years, government debt interest payments are expected to rise by over £10 billion; that is an extra £10 billion that cannot be spent by the Government on schools, on hospitals, on training or on science.

The fact is that the recession does not account for all the deterioration in the public finances. And I have made it clear in everything I have said since I took office that we cannot rely on recovery alone to bring borrowing back towards balance.

We have already announced a series of tax increases which will progressively reduce the borrowing requirement by 1½ per cent of GDP over the next three years. The measures which Norman Lamont announced in his Budget were tough, but they were necessary and well timed.

I fully supported those measures at the time, I have defended them without hesitation ever since and we are now taking them through the House. Of course broadening the VAT base, for example, was bound to be unpopular. But no prudent Chancellor can ever regard taxation as something which can only ever be reduced. My own instincts are tax-cutting instincts, but if we are to keep the level of taxation down, it is essential to maintain a tight rein on public spending.

The new approach we agreed on last year is a tough one, based on two clear principles.

First, the growth of public spending must be held within the trend rate of growth of the economy as a whole, so that over time, spending falls as a proportion of national income.

Second, in the annual public spending round, it is vital to establish at the outset a ceiling for total spending based on what the nation can afford — not upon what spending departments would like to spend in an ideal world. And once set, we must determine our spending priorities within that ceiling.

To help secure this objective, and ensure that informed choices can be made, we have set in train a series of fundamental expenditure reviews, starting with four of the largest programmes.

We shall be taking a reforming look, not just at what the State does, but how it does it. We have a range of instruments at our disposal: privatisation, market testing, contracting out, internal markets, agencies, private finance, performance related pay. In our pursuit of better value for money, we will consider them all.

The Government has already announced measures to reduce the deficit — by controlling spending and increasing revenue — but if I judge that further action is necessary, I shall not hesitate to take it.

The state of the economy

Economic recovery is here, though the signs are mixed and in some cases, muted. When an economy is at a turning point, we do not expect to see all the indicators rising together or without pause. A degree of caution is always advisable. But the momentum for growth is clearly there.

Manufacturing output and non-oil GDP have both risen. Consumer spending has been rising for three consecutive quarters. There are some, rather modest, signs of recovery in the housing market. Business investment has held up well, despite the recession and even rose slightly during last year. And we have also seen a healthy growth of exports.

So the recovery so far is broadly based. And business surveys show that confidence is continuing to improve, despite the much gloomier news from the rest of the world.

The contrast between the short-term prospects for Britain and the gloom among our major European partners is indeed striking. There can be no doubt that confidence at home has been greatly helped by the relaxation of monetary policy we have been able to make over the past two years. But that in turn was only made possible by our remarkable success in curbing inflationary pressures, which may well have a more profound impact on the climate for business over the years ahead.

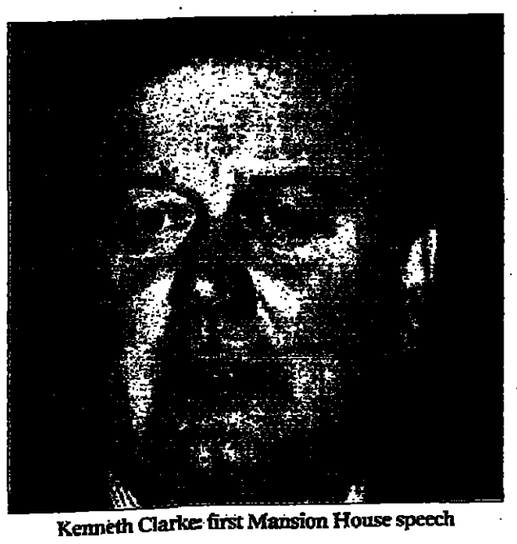
Earnings are growing more slowly than for 25 years. Productivity, particularly in manufacturing, has risen rapidly. And labour costs are falling.

That is why we have low inflation. And that, in turn is why we have had the recent good news on unemployment. Why competitiveness has improved, with more British firms winning a bigger share of markets abroad.

Low inflation is a direct spur to growth. It means safe, sustainable recovery. It is the only way to growth without tears.

I told the House of Commons that the 1990s would not be a cosy decade for any country to earn its living. The confidence that we have regained in ourselves as an enterprising nation capable of competing with the best will be tested to the limit.

But we have before us the prospect of several years of steady growth and rising employment. I know that it will be my demanding job as Chancellor to secure that prospect for the British people. With your help ladies and gentlemen, I am sure that we can succeed in that goal.



Kenneth Clarke: first Mansion House speech

Budget cuts 'must spare London'

THE Lord Mayor of London last night urged Kenneth Clarke, the new Chancellor, to cut current government spending rather than raise taxes or reduce expenditure on the vital infrastructure of the capital city.

Sir Francis McWilliams told the dinner that the government should "back London, not use it as a cash cow".

In a foretaste of a City report on London's role, Sir Francis said that the capital made a disproportionate contribution to public finances and the balance of payments. Londoners bought £300 million worth of goods a day from the rest of Britain, supporting about 3 million jobs, and contributed an annual £25 billion in taxes, he said.

LORD MAYOR

Although there were no easy choices for Mr Clarke over how to raise £1 billion a week to finance the budget deficit, Sir Francis said, higher taxes "add to costs and slow down economic growth". He said that, in cutting spending, "capital expenditure programmes are precisely the wrong areas to cut".

Spending should rise on London Underground's core investment programme, cut last year. Transport infrastructure and top-rank hospitals were "vital adjuncts" to London as a national asset.

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In a business class of its own

Dairy Crest considers flotation

Dairy Crest, the milk products arm of the Milk Marketing Board, is aiming for flotation early next year, in the wake of Royal Assent to the agriculture bill, expected next month, which removes the MMB monopoly over buying milk from farmers.

A plan, to be submitted to the agriculture ministry, is expected to specify how shares in Dairy Crest will be allocated to dairy farmers, who each have a stake in the MMB.

Dairy Crest increased pretax profits from £24.6 million to £28.2 million for the year to end-March, on sales almost static at £1,156 million. After tax, profits fell from £17 million to £15.5 million because of a rise in the tax charge from £7.6 million to £12.7 million.

Rolls order

Rolls-Royce has won an order worth up to £70 million from Indonesian airlines for engines to power the new Fokker 70 regional airliner. Rolls-Royce has also agreed a "revenue sharing partnership" with Lucas, the engineering group, on its new high thrust Trent turbofan engine. Lucas has taken a 3.5 per cent stake in the Trent family of engines.

Tin prices fall

Tin prices fell to $5,105 a tonne, their lowest levels since the early 1970s, on the London *Metal Exchange, depressed by* rising stocks and fears that producers will step up output. Global stocks at the end of March were about 40,000 tonnes, compared with 38,200 tonnes at the end of December, traders said.

Channel ahead

Channel Holdings, the car parts to security alarms group, is paying a dividend of 1p (nil) after turning in a pretax profit of £307,821 in the 15 month period to end-March, on turnover of £1.62 million. The company made a loss of £10,021 in the previous year.

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Steel approval

Klöckner-Werke, the German steelmaker forced to seek court protection from its creditors in December, has been given final approval by the Duisburg district court for a restructuring plan for its DM2.7 billion debt.

STOCK MARKET

Investors wait to hear what the Chancellor has to say

HAVING reached the top-end of its short-term trading range on Monday, attempts by the equity market to break through into new ground yesterday ended in failure.

With investors anxiously awaiting to see what Kenneth Clarke, the new Chancellor, would put into his Mansion House speech, share prices spent much of the day drifting through lack of support. The FT-SE 100 index closed near *its low for the day, 15.8 points* down at 2,870, in scrappy trading that saw only 512 million shares traded.

Buyers came in again for **Fisons** following the launch of its Tilade *anti-asthma drug in* the US earlier this week. The shares climbed 6½p to 168p as a further 5.5 million were traded. That brings the rise on week so far to 13p. Vague talk yesterday *also suggested that* the company remains vulnerable to a bid. Two names in the frame as potential suitors included **SmithKline Beecham**, 2½p firmer at 438½p, *and Ciba-Ciegy, the Swiss* group.

Attempts at a rally in **Zeneca** proved short lived with the price easing 1p to 616p compared with the rights issue *price of 600p.* **Glaxo** also eased 3p to 599p despite claims that Wurtheim Schroder, the New York securities house, is about to start pushing the shares again.

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch *food and household products* group, extended this week's run firming 4p to £10.48 after giving a presentation to analysts. It was reported to be an up-beat affair and followed a *positive meeting with brokers* in Amsterdam last week.



Good enough: Michael Perry, the chairman of Unilever which continued its firm run

Michael Perry, the chairman, gave a run-down of the group's operations with particular emphasis on East Asia *and the Pacific. He outlined* potential in the rapidly growing region.

Hanson firmed 1¼p to 228½p in the belief that Smith Barney is recommending the shares to *clients on Wall Street. But European sellers* are believed to have been responsible for an 8p fall to 105p in **Lonrho**.

Hillsdown Holdings, the food to furniture group, fell 5p *to 142p. Brokers* say the price has been depressed by a squeeze on the traded options market.

Quality Soft Products jumped 28p to 555p after *securing its first order for* Universal OLAS, its financial systems software package.

MEPC became the latest property company to ask shareholders to stump-up extra funds. The shares slipped *8p to 414p as the group* revealed plans to raise £222 million by way of a fully underwritten one-for-five rights issue at 350p a share.

MEPC has promised to *maintain its dividend at 20p.* Analysts say the rights issue may enable MEPC to regain its place as a constituent of the FT-SE 100 index after losing it in June last year.

Watts, Blake, Bearne*, the* ball clay group, jumped 24p to 415p following an £87 million bid from Sibelco, the Belgian building materials group. Sibelco was forced to launch *the bid of 420p a share after* raising its stake above 30 per cent by acquiring a 15 per cent stake from Ceramics.

Wessex Water *celebrated its* 10 per cent rise in the dividend with a jump in the share price of 13p to 571p. This followed a 12 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £86 million. The group said its was pleased with the performance of Wessex Waste Management which it owns jointly with Waste Management Inc.

Elsewhere *among the* utilities, **Manweb**, the electricity distributor, held *steady* at 522p after raising its dividend payout by 15 per cent following a rise in pre-tax profits from £94.7 *million* to £111.2 million.

Gilt Edged enjoyed an active session but appeared to lack direction with prices turning easier at the close. Brokers reported active two-way business *with some investors anxious* to square-up their positions ahead of last night's speech at the Mansion House.

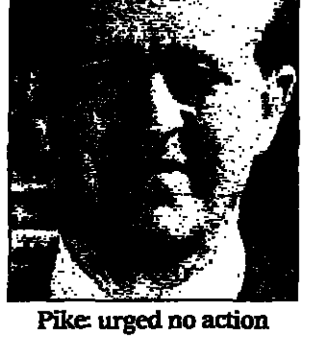
On the futures market, the September series of the Long Gilt *fluctuated in narrow* limits between £104 9/16 and £104 23/32 before ending 11 ticks lower at £104 15/32, with 27,000 contracts completed.

On the cash market, benchmark Treasury 9 per cent 2012 eased £3/16 to £105¼, while at the shorter end Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 was £⅛ lower at £109 19/32.

MICHAEL CLARK

Clay miner receives £87m takeover offer

BY PHILIP PANGALOS



Pike: urged no action

WATTS Blake Bearne, the Devon group that is the world's largest miner of ball clay, has received an £87 million takeover bid from SCR-Sibelco, a private Belgian sand-processor.

The 420p a share cash offer came after Sibelco agreed to buy a 15.6 per cent stake in Watts held by Ceramic Holdings, which is controlled by the Lebanese Gargour family. This added to Sibelco's existing 14.8 per cent stake and took its shareholding to 30.4 per cent. Under Stock Exchange rules this automatically meant Sibelco was required to make a full bid, as its stake had risen above the 29.9 per cent trigger level. There is a loan note alternative to the cash offer, which is to be made by Lazard Brothers.

However, in an announcement through the Stock Exchange, Watts Blake Bearne, headed by John Pike, urged shareholders to take no action on the offer, advising them not to sell any of their shares in the market. The company said it would be writing to shareholders in due course with its full view on the "unsolicited" offer, which it says represents "a wholly inadequate premium for control".

The offer follows the failure last month of Sibelco, Ceramic and Quarzwerke, a private German producer of silica sand, acting as a "concert party", to find a buyer for their combined 45.2 per cent stake. Quarzwerke will continue to act in concert with Sibelco pending a sale to that company of its 14.8 per cent stake.

Quarzwerke has already signalled its intention to sell its 14.8 per cent stake in the company to Sibelco under the terms of the offer. If the sale is completed, the Belgian company would hold 45.2 per cent, needing only another 5 per cent for majority control — if that is what it wants.

The City seemed uncertain as to the likely outcome of the bid. One analyst said: "I'm not convinced that shareholders are going to fall over themselves to accept this offer."

Watts Blake Bearne shares ended 24p higher at 415p.

WALL STREET

New York — US shares were narrowly mixed in early afternoon trade after blue chips failed to rally on *the consumer* price index, which showed inflation cooling in May. The Dow Jones industrial average was 10.79 lower at 3,503.90.

☐ **Tokyo** — The Nikkei closed down 351.47 at 20,045.88. Selling was attributed to the high yen and investors' dismay at delays over political reforms.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng came off to finish 16.72 points up at 7,283.46 after climbing 81 points early on.

(Reuter)

	Jun 15 midday	Jun 14 close
AMP Inc	62¾	62¾
AMR Corp	68	68¾
Abbott Labs	26½	26½
Aetna Life	55⅞	54¾
Ahmanson (HF)	17½	17½
Air Prod & Chem	41½	41½
Albertson's	54½	55
Alcan Aluminum	19	19¼
Alco Standard	49⅞	49¾
Allied Signal	67⅞	67⅞
Alum Co of Am	65⅞	66⅜
Amax	21⅛	21⅛
Amerada Hess	50⅞	50⅞
Amer Brands	33⅞	33⅝
Amer Cyanamid	52¼	52⅞
Amer El Power	36⅞	36½
Amer Express	29⅞	29⅞
Amer Genl Corp	31¼	31½
Amer Home Pr	66	66¼
Amer Intl	128⅞	128¾
Amer Stores	43½	43⅜
Amer T & T	63⅞	63⅞
Ameritech	76⅞	76⅜
Amoco	56⅞	56⅞
Anheuser-Busch	50⅞	50⅞
Apple Computer	43	44⅛
Archer Daniels	23⅞	24⅞
Arkla	9¼	9¼
Armco	6⅜	6⅜
Armstrng Wrld	30⅞	30⅛
Asarco	19⅛	19⅝
Ashland Oil	26⅜	26⅜
Atl Richfield	117⅞	117½
Auto Data Pro	49⅞	49⅞
Avery Dennison	29⅞	29⅞
Avon Products	54	53⅞
Baker Hughes	27	22⅞
Baltim Gas & El	24⅜	24⅞
Banc One	52⅞	51½
BankAmerica	44¼	43⅜
Bank of NY	55⅞	55⅞
Bankers Tr NY	70⅞	69⅞
Barnett Banks	47⅞	47
Bausch & Lomb	50⅞	51½
Baxter Intl	28⅞	29⅞
Becton Dickson	38⅞	39⅜
Bell Atlantic	56⅜	56⅜
BellSouth	53⅞	53½
Black & Decker	20⅞	20⅞
Block (H&R)	36	36½
Boeing	39⅞	39
Boise Cascade	23½	24⅛
Borden Inc	18⅞	19
Bristol Myrs Sq	59⅞	60⅜
Browning Ferris	27⅞	27⅜
Burlington Nthn	50⅞	50⅞
CBS	239⅞	240⅞
CNA Financial	90⅞	92⅛
CPC Intl	41	41½
CSX	66⅜	67⅛
Campbell Soup	39⅞	39⅞
Can Pacific	15⅞	16⅛
Cptl Cities ABC	539⅞	542⅞
Cptl Holdings	38⅜	38⅜
Carolina Pwr	31½	31½
Caterpillar	77⅞	77⅞
Central & SW	31½	31½
Champion Intl	32⅞	32⅞
Chase Manhat	30⅞	30
Chemical Bk	39⅞	38⅞
Chevron Corp	88⅞	88⅜
Chrysler	46⅜	46⅜
Chubb Corp	81	81½
Cigna Corp	59⅞	58⅞
Citicorp	27⅞	27⅞
Clorox	50	50
Coastal Corp	26½	26
Coca Cola	41½	41½
Colgate-Palmolive	54½	54½
Columbia Gas	24½	24
Commonw Ed	27⅞	27
Compaq Comp	55⅞	55⅞
Comp Ass Int	28⅞	28⅜
Conagra	25⅞	25½
Cons Edison	34½	34⅞
Cons Nat Gas	52⅞	52⅞
Cons Rail	51½	51½
Cooper Inds	48⅞	48⅞
Corning Inc	35⅞	34⅞
Crown Cork	39⅞	38⅞
Dana Corp	52⅞	52⅞
Dayton Hudson	64⅞	65⅞
Deere	66⅜	66⅜
Delta Air Lines	52⅞	52
Deluxe Corp	38⅞	38⅞
Detroit Edison	33⅞	33⅞
Digital Equip	43⅞	43⅞
Dillard Dept St	39⅞	39⅞
Disney (Walt)	43⅞	43⅞
Dominion Res	42⅞	43
Donelley (RR)	30	30
Dover Corp	46⅞	46⅞
Dow Chemicals	56⅞	56⅞
Dow Jones	27⅞	27⅞
Dresser	23	23⅞
Duke Power	39⅞	39⅞
Dun & Brdstreet	57⅞	57⅞
Du Pont	50⅞	51½
Eastman Kodak	53⅞	53⅞
Exxon Corp	89⅞	89⅞
Emerson Elec	60⅞	60⅜
Engelhard Corp	34	33⅞
Enron Corp	59⅞	59⅞
Entergy Corp	34½	34½
Ethyl Corp	28⅜	28
Exxon	65½	65½
FMC Corp	42⅞	42
FPL Group	37⅞	37¼
Federal Express	44⅞	44½
Fed Nat Mtge	79⅞	79½
First Chicago	39⅞	38⅞
First Interstate	58	57⅞
First Union Rlty	10⅜	10¼
Fleet Fnl Grp	31½	31¼
Fluor Corp	40	40⅞
Ford Motor	51½	51½
GTE Corp	35⅞	35⅞
Gannett	48⅞	48⅞
Gap Inc Del	32	32
Gen Cinema	35⅞	35¼
Gen Dynamics	95½	95½
Gen Electric	94	93
Gen Mills	62⅞	63⅞
Gen Motors	40⅜	40⅜
Gen Reinsurance	109⅞	110⅛
Gen Signal	66⅛	66⅛
Genuine Parts	34½	35
Georgia Pac	57⅞	57⅞
Gillette	48	48⅜
Glaxo ADR	18⅛	18⅛
Goodrich (BF)	44¼	44½
Goodyear Tire	38⅞	38½
Grace (Wam)	39⅞	40
Grt Atl Pac Tea	33	33⅞
Great Wstn Fin	16⅛	16⅜
Halliburton	38⅞	37⅞
Heinz (HJ)	36⅞	37⅞
Hercules	72⅞	72⅞
Hershey Foods	49⅞	49⅜
Hewlett Packard	87⅞	87⅞
Hilton Hotels	47⅞	47⅞
Home Depot	42⅞	43⅜
Homestake Mng	17⅞	17
Honeywell	35⅞	35⅞
Household Intl	65½	65⅜
Houston Inds	44	44⅜
Humana	10⅜	10⅜
ITT Corp	83⅞	82⅞
Illinois Tool	75⅞	75⅞
INCO	22⅞	22⅞
Ingersoll Rand	33⅞	34⅞
Inland Steel	24⅞	24⅞
Intel Corp	57⅞	57⅞
IBM	50⅞	52
Intl Flav & Fr	118⅞	117⅞
Intl Paper	64¼	64⅞
James River Va	21⅛	21⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44⅞	44⅞
K Mart	22⅞	22⅞
Kellogg	53⅞	53⅞
Kerr-McGee	49⅞	49⅞
Kimberly-Clark	47⅞	47⅞
Knight-Ridder	51½	52⅞
Lilly (Eli)	50⅞	50⅞
Limited Inc	24⅞	24⅛
LIN Brdcstng	99⅞	99⅞
Lincoln Nat	74⅛	74½
Litton	57⅞	57⅞
Liz Claiborne	30⅞	30⅞
Lockheed Corp	62	61½
Louisiana Pac	30⅞	30⅞
MCI Commun	54⅞	55⅞
Marriott	26⅞	26
Marsh & McLnn	86⅛	86⅛
Masco Corp	29	28⅞
May Dept St	36⅛	71⅛
Maytag Corp	15½	15⅞
McCaw Cellular	42⅞	43
McDonalds	48⅞	49½
McDonnell D	69⅞	70⅞
McGraw Hill	57⅞	57⅞
Mead Corp	44½	44⅞
Medtronic	65	65
Mellon Bk	54⅞	54⅞
Melville Corp	46⅞	46⅞
Merck Inc	38	38⅞
Merrill Lynch	72⅞	73⅞
Minnesota Mine	109	109
Mobil Corp	72⅞	71½
Monsanto	57⅞	57⅞
Morgan (JP)	66⅛	66⅞
Motorola Inc	85	84⅞
Natl Medical	9	9⅞
Natl Semi	15⅞	15⅞
Natl Service Ind	25⅞	25
Navistar Int C	2⅞	2⅞
NBD Bancorp	31½	31½
NY Times A	23⅞	24
Newmont Mng	47⅞	46⅞
Niag Mohawk	23⅞	23⅞
Nike B	66⅞	68⅞
NL Industries	3⅞	4
Nordstrom	29⅞	29⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	62⅞	62⅞
Nthn State Pwr	44⅞	44½
Norwest Corp	49⅞	49
Nynex Corp	88⅞	88⅜
Occidental Pet	19⅞	20
Ohio Edison	23⅞	23⅞
Oracle Systems	44½	44⅞
Oryx Energy Co	21½	21⅛
Owens Corning	39⅞	39⅛
PNC Financial	30⅞	30⅞
PPG Industries	66⅞	67⅞
Paccar Inc	59⅞	59⅞
Pacificorp	18⅜	18⅜
Pac Enterprises	24⅜	24⅛
Pac Gas & Elect	33½	33½
Pac Telesis	48⅞	48⅞
Pall Corp	17⅞	17½
Panhandle East	22⅞	22⅞
Paramnt Comm	53⅞	53⅞
Parker Hannifin	33⅞	33
Penney (JC)	48⅞	48⅞
Pennzoil	63⅞	63⅞
Pepsico	35⅞	36⅞
Pfizer	72⅞	72⅞
Phelps Dodge	42⅞	42⅞
Philadel Elec	29⅞	29½
Philip Morris	48⅞	49⅞
Phillips Pet	29⅞	29⅞
Pitney Bowes	42⅞	42½
Polaroid	36⅞	36½
Price Co	31⅛	30⅞
Primerica	45⅛	45⅞
Procter & Gmbl	48½	49⅞
Pub Serv E & G	32⅞	32⅞
Quaker Oats	72⅞	73⅞
Ralston Purina	44⅞	45
Raychem Corp	45	44⅞
Raytheon	57½	58⅞
Reebok Intl	29⅞	34⅛
Reynolds Metals	44⅛	44½
Roadway Srvcs	54⅞	53⅞
Rockwell Intl	33	32⅞
Rohm & Haas	56⅛	56⅞
Royal Dutch	93⅞	94
Rubbermaid	30	29⅞
Safeco Corp	56	56½
St Paul's Cos.	79	79⅞
Salomon Inc	36⅞	36½
Santa Fe S Pac	15⅞	16
Sara Lee Corp	25⅞	25
Scecorp	40⅞	40⅞
Schering Plough	68⅞	69
Schlumberger	64⅛	64⅛
Scott Paper	33⅞	33⅞
Seagram	26½	26⅞
Sears Roebuck	52⅞	52⅞
Shell Trans	57⅞	57⅞
Sherwin Wlms	31⅛	31⅛
Skyline Corp	17⅞	17⅞
Snap-On-Tools	38½	38⅞
Southern Co	41	41½
Sthwestern Bell	39⅞	39
Sprint Corp	30⅞	30⅞
Stanley Works	44⅞	44⅞
Sun Company	29⅞	29⅞
Suntrust	45	44⅞
Supervalu	33⅞	33⅞
Syntex Corp	18⅞	18⅞
Sysco Corp	26⅛	26⅛
TRW Inc	66⅜	66
Tandem Comp	12⅞	12⅞
Tandy Corp	29⅞	30⅞
Telecom Corp	4⅞	4½
Teledyne	20	20⅞
Temple Inland	43	43
Tenneco	47	46⅞
Texaco	63⅞	63⅞
Texas Inst	66⅛	65⅞
Texas Utilities	45	45⅞
Textron	51⅞	51⅞
Time Warner	37⅞	37⅞
Times-Mirror	29⅞	29⅞
Timken	31½	31½
Torchmark	52⅞	52⅞
Toys R Us	39⅞	39
Transamerica	49	48⅞
Travelers Corp	29⅞	28⅞
Tribune	50⅞	52
Tyco Labs	42⅞	41½
UAL Corp	131½	131½
UST Inc	28⅞	28⅞
USX Marathon	17⅞	18⅞
Unilever NV	107⅞	108⅞
Union Camp	42⅞	42⅞
Union Carbide	18⅞	19
Union Pacific	99⅞	99⅞
Unisys Corp	11	11½
USAIR Group	18⅞	19
USF&G Corp	16⅞	16⅞
US Life	38⅞	39⅞
US West	44⅞	44⅞
United Tech	53	52⅞
Unocal Corp	30⅞	30⅞
Upjohn	30⅞	30⅞
VF Corp	48⅞	47
WMX Tech	35⅞	35⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	26⅞	27
Warner-Lambert	71	72⅞
Wells Fargo	102	101⅞
Westinghouse El	15	14⅞
Weyerhaeuser	40⅞	40⅞
Whirlpool	53⅞	53⅞
Whitman	13⅞	13⅞
Winn Dixie	55⅞	55⅞
Woolworth	29⅞	29⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	34⅞	35
Xerox	76⅞	76

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		Takeda Chem	788p (-24p)
Standard Chart	769p (+15p)	THORN EMI	880p (-7p)
Watts Blake	415p (+24p)	Laporte	635p (-9p)
Anglia TV	329p (+12p)	Fairline Boats	265p (-15p)
Independent	350p (+30p)	Cable Wireless	734p (-15p)
Volex	405p (+18p)	Lonrho	105p (-8p)
JN Nichols	548p (+15p)	Berkeley Group	368p (-9p)
BOC	681p (+8p)	Swire Pacific 'A'	346p (-8p)
SKF 'B'	775p (+12½p)	Commercial Union	589p (-8p)
Gent SR	58p (+8p)	Enterprise	465p (-9p)
Mitel	220p (+8p)	BAT	428p (-8p)
FALLS:			
Provident	384p (-8p)		

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RECENT ISSUES

AG Holdings (125)	128	...	Ivory & Sime ISIS Tst	99	...
Break for the Border (48)	58	...	OGC (130)	129	...
Bruntcliffe Aggregates (25)	33	...	Phonelink (155)	237	-5
China Inv Trust (100)	94	...	Pilkington Warrants	33	-½
China Inv Warrants	52	...	Quayle Munro (118)	138	...
Division Group (40)	84	...	RJB Mining (250)	239	...
Drew Scientific (105)	130	-1	RPC (125)	162	...
First Spanish Wrnts 1997	12½	...	Zeneca (600)	616	-1
Fleming Clvrhse C (100)	104	...	RIGHTS ISSUES		
Inveresk (150)	171	+1	British Land n/p (245)	58	-9
Irish Continental	165	...	Brixton Estate n/p (155)	40	-5

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

SHERIFF HOLDINGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £465,000
EPS: 3.5p (1.7p)
Div: 1.25p (1p)
Last time's profit was £161,000. Turnover rose to £5.72m (£4.7m). Gearing is reduced to 2% (67%). Company said prospects are sound.

WELLMAN (Fin)
Pre-tax: £681,000
EPS: 1p (0.5p)
Div: 0.6p, mkg 0.9p
Last time's profit was £231,000. Last time's total dividend was 2.2p. Turnover dipped to £23.7m (£24m). Margins remain under pressure.

MELVILLE STREET INVS
Pre-tax: £1.06m (£1.05m)
EPS: 4.3p (4.2p)
Div: 2.5p, mkg 4p (4p)
Final results. The net asset value stood at 140p (150p). Revenue fell to £1.49m (£1.52m). Company has £3m on deposit for fresh investment.

IWP INTNL (Fin)
Pre-tax: £11.8m (£11m)
EPS: 31.9p (28.1p)
Div: 4.25p, mkg 7.25p
All figures are in Irish currency. Last time's total dividend was 6.6p. There was a £582,000 exceptional profit. Turnover: £95.2m (£92.6m).

CLYDE BLOWERS (Int)
Pre-tax: £17,632 Loss
LPS: 1.76p (EPS 2.52p)
Div: 4p (0.83p)
There was a profit of £33,723 last time. Turnover climbed to £2.72m (£2.01m). Company said it expects *loss to be reduced in second half.*

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YAKELEY ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS LIMITED

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 19A Cavendish Square, London W1M 9AB on Monday, the 28th day of June 1993 at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of having a full statement of the position of the Company's affairs, together with a List of the Creditors of the Company and the estimated amount of their claims, laid before them, and for the purpose, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee.

Giles Heathcote Whittome of 19a Cavendish Square, London W1M 9AB is a person qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the Company who will, during the period before the day of the Meeting, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require, or on the two business days falling next before the day on which the Meeting is to be held, a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 19A Cavendish Square, London W1M 9AB being a place in the relevant locality.

Notice is also given that, for the purpose of voting, Secured Creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the Registered Office of the Company at 19A Cavendish Square, London W1M 9AB before the Meeting a Statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and the value at which it is assessed.

Dated this 7th day of June 1993.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
S.R. YAKELEY, Director

ANGLIA FIXING LIMITED

Registered number: 1171315. Former company name: Anglia Fixing (Windows) Limited. Trading name: Anglia Fixing Limited. Nature of business: Suppliers and fixers of windows. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 9 June 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter George Byatt and George Albert Auger, (office holder nos: 8277 and 1067) of Siloy Hayward 66 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1SW.

ALAN BATE AND COMPANY (OLDHAM) LIMITED AND EMKAT HOLDINGS LTD THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that meetings of the creditors of the above named companies will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Thursday 24th June 1993 at 12 noon and 12.01pm respectively for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Stephen James Wainwright of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.

Dated this 10th day of June 1992
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
A BATE, DIRECTOR.

HALL & WATTS (INTERNATIONAL) LIMITED

Registered number: 1272453. Nature of business: Sales and marketing of military hardware and equipment. Trade classification: 38. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 10 June 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Nigel John Hamilton-Smith and Michael William Young, (office holder nos: 2093 and 8077) both of Michael William Young Morton Thornton & Co. Torrington House 47 Holywell Hill, St. Albans, Herts. AL1 1HD.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 MARKETING PEOPLE LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 25th June 1993 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, *Charterhouse Square, London* EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act, who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.

DATED this 11th day of June 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R.G. TIMMS, DIRECTOR.

LEGAL NOTICES

BARCLAY AND SONS LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership *and in Liquidation*)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the above named company are required on or before 16 July 1993, the last date for proving, to prove their debts by sending to the Joint Liquidator particulars in writing of their claim against the company. The Joint Liquidators will proceed with the interim Distribution within the period of 4 months from the last date for proving without regard to any claim not submitted to them before that date.

Date: 14 June 1993
G J Watts, Joint Liquidator
Touche Ross & Co., P O Box 500, Abbey House, 74 Mosley Street, Manchester M60 2AT.

FERRO METAL AND CHEMICAL CORPORATION LIMITED
("the Company")

NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to the Companies Act 1985 Section 175 that by a Members' Unanimous Written Resolution dated 10th June 1993 a special resolution was passed:

1. approving a form of contract providing for the purchase by the Company of 127,600 of its Ordinary Shares of £1 each for the aggregate sum of £459,000; and

2. authorising the payment of £433,094 of the said sum out of capital.

The statutory declaration of the directors of the Company and the auditors' report required by the Companies Act 1985 Section 173(5) are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at 5th Floor, 71 Kingsway, London WC2B 6ST.

Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following 10th June 1993 apply to the court under the Companies Act 1985 Section 176 for an order cancelling the resolution or for other relief.

Nathan Bistricer
Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICES

STATUTORY DEMAND

TO: Bernard Castro Farina of 26 *Montpelier Square, London SW7*

TAKE NOTICE that a Statutory Demand has been issued by LEP Produce Limited, of LEP House, 87 East Street, Epsom, Surrey KT17 1DT.

The creditor demands payment of £30,000.00 the amount now due from you in accordance with a personal guarantee in writing dated 17th day of May, 1990.

The Statutory Demand is an important document and it is deemed to have been served on you on the date of the first appearance of this advertisement.

You must deal with this Demand within 21 days of the service upon you or you could be made bankrupt and your property and goods taken away from you. If you are in any doubt as to your position you should seek advice IMMEDIATELY from a Solicitor or your nearest Citizens Advice Bureau.

The Statutory Demand can be obtained or is available for inspection and collection from: Messrs. Blackham, Maycock & Hayward, Fountain Court, Steelhouse Lane, Birmingham B4 6DR

Solicitors for the creditor LEP Produce Ltd.
Telephone No: 021 233 0600
Ref: PS/LEP/H2

You have only 21 days from the date of the first appearance of this advertisement before the creditor may present a bankruptcy petition.

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COMPANY NOTICES

CANADIAN PACIFIC LIMITED

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held today, the following dividends were declared:

ORDINARY SHARES

A quarterly dividend of eight cents (8c) Canadian per share on the outstanding Ordinary Shares, payable on July 28, 1993 to holders of record at the close of business on June 25, 1993.

PREFERENCE SHARES

A semi-annual dividend of $0.02 per Canadian Dollar Preference Share, and 2/3 pence per Sterling Preference Share on the outstanding Preference Shares in respect of the year 1993, payable on July 28, 1993, to holders of record at the close of business on June 25, 1993.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD.
D.J. DEEGAN
Vice President and Secretary
Quebec City, June 14, 1993

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSITAIRE (UK) LTD. AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 10 June 1993, I, John Yvonne Venvil, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.

Dated this 10th day of June 1993
J Y Venvil

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Making heavy work of data on those queuing for jobs

Many believe that unemployment figures, the accuracy of which is widely questioned, will rise tomorrow, writes Philip Bassett



What news on jobs?: David Hunt, the new employment minister

Speaking as he readied himself for last night's Mansion House address, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, put his finger on a chief concern for the government, industry, employees and those out of work. "Fortunately, we have had unemployment coming down for the past few months. We are waiting to see if that can be sustained."

The waiting game will be over tomorrow. In the welter of government statistics out this week, the Chancellor knows that what happens to unemployment when the latest joblessness figures are announced tomorrow will be a principal test for the state of the recovery, and of the government's shaky standing.

After three months of falling figures, all those engaged in the heated debate about what really is happening to unemployment will be looking for some indication of a firm trend: up, down, or inconsistent as the recession sputters to an end.

At least John Major is unequivocal. Though his economic ministers — before and after the cabinet reshuffle — were wary about drawing too many implications from a few months' figures judged as peculiar by virtually all sides in the unemployment argument, Mr Major, in a newspaper interview this week, was clear: the "inexorable upward rise" in unemployment has now halted.

Economic performance is central to public judgments about governments, and politicians recognise that unemployment has the single greatest impact on what most people really feel about the economy. So after two huge falls of almost 20,000 each in February and March, and a much smaller decline of 1,400 for April, what will happen to unemployment in the first figures to be handled by David Hunt, the new employment secretary?

Paul Convery, of the Unemployment Unit research group, says the fall in April was so small as to be within a statistical margin of error, and could even be revised to show a rise: "My hunch is that the total will start to increase again."

Frank Dobson, Labour's employment spokesman, says of this month's figures that whatever they are, "the only thing we can be sure of is that they won't be the truth". Government ministers and Whitehall officials try to shrug off Mr Dobson's blasts, though privately they ruefully accept that his renewed charges that the figures are fiddled have had a wholly unexpected impact on the standing of the government's official jobless data in such crucial areas of judgment as the City.

In spite of three months of falling figures, many City analysts still believe that the long upward trend in unemployment has not yet turned round. Having peddled this line so assiduously, they can hardly abandon it too quickly without their credibility as economic commentators being stretched further. Some reckon the unemployment total will be up again tomorrow, estimates of the rise reaching as high as 17,000.

Ian Shepherdson, economic analyst at Greenwell Montagu, is predicting a more modest rise of 10,000. "Crunch-time has arrived for those, including ourselves, who think that the trend in unemployment has not yet turned downward. Certainly, it will become difficult, if not impossible, to argue that unemployment is on an upward trend if it falls again."

Worryingly, though, for a recovery-hungry government, economists like Mr Shepherdson doubt the sheer scale of the unemployment decline over the last three months. Describing it as "in statistical terms a fluke", he says that "the falls in the first quarter were simply too fast to be plausible".

What is clear is that no matter how hard they have tried, nobody has yet proved beyond doubt that the recent figures have been fiddled. The suspicion is strong, and widely held, that after a number of changes to the statistical base of the figures in the 1980s, the government has taken a different approach to the problem, by attacking the supply side: the number who can claim the benefit available.

Two principal charges are made. Firstly, that benefit officials have been persuading claimants to come off the unemployment register, and by way of their local doctors, sign themselves up as sick instead, with the incentive of the higher payments available under sickness benefits.

The sharp rise in invalidity benefit highlighted in the leaked draft letter last week from the social security department lends credibility to this claim. Linked to it is the second charge — that officials have led a more general benefit crackdown, going beyond the standing (but little-known) 10 per cent "discouragement" target that benefit officials work to when potential unemployment benefit claimants come into their offices.

Aside from formal denials by the employment and social security departments, Whitehall officials, well-versed in accident-prone, rather than conspiracy, theories of running government are cheerfully sceptical that the government machine has the ability to generate such a concentrated and successful benefit push — or at least, to do so without being found out.

Yet suspicions remain, with April figures being roped in as support for the conspiracy theory. Because the April figures, though nominally for a month, actually measure the number of people claiming benefit on one particular day — in this case, April 8 — the end-year benefit push beloved of the unemployment conspiracists was by then over but had already produced the lower count.

Such theorising will be supported if tomorrow's figures are up. But even those not wholly wedded to the conspiracy view are sceptical about "official" explanations for the fall in unemployment. Primarily, these are that from last autumn, employers "over-shed" labour at a time when many businesses were improving, and that recently they have been compensating for that. Secondary arguments are that the UK labour market is now much more flexible, and that just as there were big rises in unemployment, so would there be big falls in a labour market now capable of seeing both.

Both of these explanations carry weight — though both are essentially economists' guesses, not much borne out by facts. Neither convincingly explain why the falls should occur now, rather than six months ago, or in six months' time. Therein lies at least part of the attraction of the benefit explanation.

The recent falls, too, sit oddly with other evidence, from business surveys such as the CBI's quarterly industrial trends report, which uniformly remain gloomy about future employment prospects and still predict further job losses. Or from the still-poor vacancy stock figures, or weekly hours, or overtime, or the precedent of the pattern of past economic cycles.

Even within the unemployment figures themselves, there are peculiar, unexplained oddities. Why, for instance, in last month's figures did unemployment go up in London, but go down in the rest of the South East? Why did it fall by 3,700 among men but rise by 2,300 among women? The benefit-based theorists have their answers to these questions; the government's statisticians and economists do not.

Whatever happens to unemployment tomorrow, ministers and Whitehall officials are likely to press their usual response button of not placing too much weight on one month's figures. Statistically, they are right. Mr Clarke knew what the figures were before he made his Mansion House speech last night; and the tone that knowledge helped to set may well be a good indicator of the new position of UK unemployment — and the political, economic and social problems that accompany it.

TEMPUS

New boy, same fence

IF THE City had really been hoping for anything concrete from Kenneth Clarke's speech last night, it was quickly put out of its misery. Here is a anti-inflationist Chancellor, as long as it does not threaten growth, who is an instinctive tax cutter, as long as he can reduce the budget deficit.

The foreign exchange dealers perhaps sensed that this would be a tread-water speech at lunchtime yesterday. Sterling enjoyed a brief flurry in the morning, after Mr Clarke's morning remarks were interpreted as weakening the government's anti-inflation line. By afternoon, the sterling index settled at 79.4, close to where it began the week.

To be fair, this week's crop of economic statistics suggests that the Chancellor can allow the economy to get on by itself while he addresses the more pressing problem of the budget deficit. Yesterday's manufacturing output figures, which showed a year-on-year rise of 2.5 per cent, fit into the picture of steady, non-inflationary growth. That will be further confirmed today if the retail figures are also subdued, as the City expects. Few modern Chancellors have been handed such an auspicious set of indicators during their first month in the job.

The biggest question Mr Clarke left hanging after dinner was on interest rates. Everyone believes he has scope for one more cut. But after last night that option is likely to be left in the cupboard, as a carrot for buyers of gilts who hope to see some capital growth, and as a stick to prod the economy along if it looks as if it is faltering. Meanwhile, it is best for investors to keep a close eye on the fence, to see which side Mr Clarke eventually jumps.

MEPC

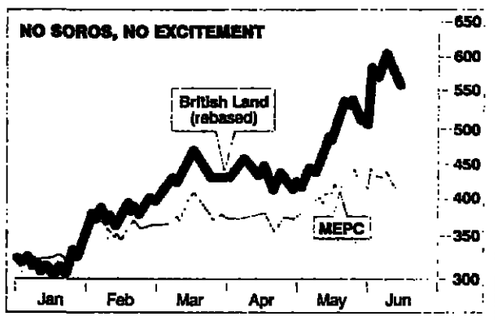
JUST as the City was beginning to appreciate MEPC for refusing to join the rights issue bonanza, the temptation proved too much. The property group's £222 million cash call has the hallmarks of an opportunistic attempt to grab available funds.

MEPC is hardly raising cheap money. The company's commitment to maintain the 20p full-year dividend means the new equity is costing 7.1 per cent from after-tax profits. MEPC could surely have borrowed on better terms. Instead the company has diluted net assets per share by up to 4 per cent and this year's earnings will scarcely cover the dividend.

Nor is the company overborrowed. Disposals since the year-end have reduced gearing to about 75 per cent, so the group could have raised more than £300 million in fresh debt before it looked too strained.

If this is indeed the bottom of the property cycle, it would surely make more sense to gear up.

The company's plans for potential property and corporate acquisitions will only serve to push prices higher. The property sector has raised almost £1.25 billion in fresh equity this year, almost a tenth of its total market value. Property sellers are gleefully waiting for this cash to reach the market. While the fresh funds will help MEPC refurbish its ageing offices to ensure that lettings remain high, this is a poor excuse for such an expensive, dilutive issue.



Manweb

MANWEB has attempted to tackle the issue that is baffling some of the finest minds in the electricity business, just what to do with the huge amounts of cash that roll in without any conscious effort. The options are thus: hand it to an enterprising merchant banker to come up with a daft and expensive diversification plan, give it back to shareholders in the form of dividends, or to customers as tariff cuts, or wait for the regulator to confiscate it.

Manweb has elected for a limited version of options two and three. Last year, it distributed £3 million more to shareholders by means of a 15 per cent dividend hike, and £7 million to customers as prices fell by 1 per cent. But that was in a year when cash-flow of £29.4 million, before financing costs, slimmed gearing from 13.3 per cent to a negligible 5.6 per cent. A further fall is inevitable, given limited diversification plans. Manweb has one of the sector's best regarded management teams, yet the shares still offer a prospective yield of 6.1 per cent. Attractive in a sector whose only concern is regulatory.

Wessex Water

AT last, Wessex has bucked the trend of the water companies' results season and produced a creditable result from its peripheral activities as well as a solid performance from core business.

Pre-tax profit at Wessex Waste Management rose from £1.8 million to £9.4 million, enhanced by acquisitions, and is on course for around £20 million in the current year. Wessex still has sufficient funds to make further acquisitions and achieve market leadership. By the end of the decade the waste business could be bigger than water operations.

Wessex's diversification strategy is succeeding because it did not over-estimate its abilities. It chose a partner, Waste Management International, which is a world leader in its field. The growth of the waste business will also enable Wessex to increase dividends without inciting the wrath of its customers or the water regulator. The prospective yield on the shares is marginally lower than the sector average, but they still look cheap given the prospects.

FKI

WITH its new emphasis on market leadership and profit margins, FKI increasingly resembles a would-be BTR — hardly surprising since Bob Beeston, its chief executive, is a former BTR manager. Three of the five divisions are now focused around market leaders, such as automotive cabling, in which FKI can cut costs and dictate pricing. The engineering and process control groups are still too diverse and should yield a further £20 million in disposals. There is every reason to think FKI can achieve its target 10 per cent margin and deliver profits of more than £70 million by 1995 with help from acquisitions.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Touché on frighteners

JOHN Amerman, chairman and chief executive officer of Mattel, the toy group that combines Barbie dolls and Corgi cars, whizzed through London yesterday, as part of a whirlwind European tour — and found himself momentarily lost for words. Amerman, who has overseen an impressive turnround at the California group since joining in 1987, told analysts at a City lunch that Mattel had decided not to make toys based on the flesh-eating stars of *Jurassic Park*, the much-hyped dinosaur film that opens in the UK next month. It was far too frightening for children, he said. Unfortunately, as one analyst pointed out, he had only recently finished praising one of Mattel's new lines — a range of Attack Pack monster trucks that turn into ferocious beasts. "Touché," replied Amerman before hurriedly moving on to other matters. Readers with young children may be interested to learn that Mattel has dreamed up a 3ft high Barbie doll as a big sister to its usual 11.5-inch model which clocks up annual sales of $1 billion. The larger dolls sell for $100 each.

Unisex party bags

ADVANCED forward planning could be thought part of corporate strategy at Biddle & Co, the Gresham Street law firm, judging by its clients' day at Paul Seaton's waterski school at Thorpe Park, Surrey, last week. About a third of the guests were under five — offspring, not clients — and on leaving they were duly handed party bags rather than logo-encrusted literature as mementos of the day. The firm denies this was an attempt to influence prospective contacts at an impressionable age. "The most important development this year was the unisex party bag," says Martin Winter, Biddle's waterskiing partner. "This avoided the unseemly incident of last year when my son, Freddie, took a shine to the bracelet being sported by the daughter of an executive of a major financial institution and decided to relieve her of it."

Long wait over

PATIENCE is a virtue ... Shareholders in Channel Holdings, the car parts to security alarms group, will be relieved to learn that the company, transformed last year from a dormant investment shell formed in 1881 to build — you guessed it — the Channel tunnel, is to pay its first dividend in 112 years. Philip Ling, chairman, told Channel's shareholders that they would "be pleased to know that it is the board's intention to to reduce future intervals between dividend payments to six months". Let's hope they're paying attention at Eurotunnel.



Big sister: Barbie will soon have a 3ft sibling

Mayoral gown

FITNESS is everything if, like Sir Francis McWilliams, you happen to be Lord Mayor of London. Fresh from presiding over last night's Bankers and Merchants dinner at Guildhall, Sir Francis will be donning his magnificent black and gold robe for the second time in 24 hours today when he hosts a Guildhall luncheon for Australian lord mayors. Afterwards, the gown is being rushed over to Saddlers' Hall in the City for inclusion in an exhibition marking the 300th anniversary of the Worshipful Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, a City livery company. And Sir Francis — minus his gown — is due at 3.30pm to open the exhibition officially.

On the run

IT WAS all happening in the City last night. As luminaries sat down to dine at Guildhall, more than 1,000 runners were pounding the streets to raise money for the homeless. A team from Cazenove tackled the three-and-a-half mile circuit with bowler hats and umbrellas, and a British trade body dumped a load of bananas at the Broadgate Centre for good measure. Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of National Westminster, was on hand for the start and finish, but managed to avoid taking part. The event should raise up to £100,000 for CRISIS, Britain's biggest charity in aid of the homeless.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

The hard ecu is preferable to a single European currency

From the Earl of Dudley

Sir, Little has been heard in recent months about the hard ecu. This proposal provides for a European currency, which would be an alternative into which holders of existing banknotes or of deposits in existing national denominations could optionally convert.

As distinct from a single European currency, which would presumably substitute for other national currencies, the hard ecu would offer choice.

In a climate of growth of national economies, the introduction of additional purchasing power, as represented by the hard ecu, could be inflationary. But at a time when the leading European industrial nations are judged to be experiencing a recession, the novelty would be salutary, stimulating and welcome.

May I venture to suggest that EC governments, and their finance ministers give urgent consideration to this instrument. It would have the further advantage of pre-empting the single European currency, and thereby sidelining much controversy.

It would also be a distinct benefit to industry, commerce and travellers; and could even provide a workable alternative to the ERM. And though it would require to be issued and managed by an appropriate European institution, it would not call for a European government, which Euro-sceptics see as the inevitable concomitant of a single currency.

Yours faithfully,
DUDLEY,
6 Cottesmore Gardens, W8.

Blacks Leisure's host of understanding fans

From Mr Simon Bentley

Sir, *Tempus* (June 11) suggested that shareholders in Blacks Leisure Group should feel as England's football fans do. Fortunately, Blacks has a very loyal following of shareholders, some 22,000 in all, who understand well that the depression of the last two years or more, was inescapable for most companies and has hit the sports trade particularly hard in the last 12 months.

The actions taken by the Blacks board in reducing borrowings and reshaping its business has placed the company in a very strong position, as we prepare for recovery.

The recent sale of the L.A. Gear business was not a forced sale of a money spinner. Blacks has had an exclusive distribution agreement to sell L.A. Gear products in the UK since 1988. Whilst L.A. Gear's performance in the UK had been very good, problems occurred in 1991 following a spate of parallel importing and disruption at the US parent company, which led to a loss being recorded in our 1991/92 results. We have since reversed this loss into a modest profit, as reported in our 1992/93 results. The sale price announced recently equates to a p/e of over 20, based on last year's profits, and recognises our achievements in establishing L.A. Gear's market position in the UK.

As in football, fortunes can and do change quickly; after its defeat by the Americans last week, who would have forecast the well deserved draw against the mighty Brazil on Sunday?

Yours faithfully,
SIMON A. BENTLEY
(Chairman & chief executive),
Blacks Leisure Group,
Lanmor House,
370-386 High Road,
Wembley, Middlesex.

Blowing the government's privatisation cover

From Mr Ronald W. Mott

Sir, In the BAA issue, the share prospectus was subtly drafted so that spouses who each had shares could get the bonus if they consolidated into one of their names, but not if they consolidated into both names, even though they held the shares for three years.

The government refuse point blank to say why they drafted it in this way, and we cannot go to the Ombudsman because his remit does not extend to "transactions of a commercial nature".

And, of course, we cannot go to the SFA (Securities and Futures Authority) because the government is not a stockbroker.

Yours faithfully,
R.W. MOTT,
136 Lakenheath,
Southgate, N14.

Paying for past mistakes

From W. A. C. Newsom

Sir, I have just received Barclays Bank notification of revised interest rates, as follows:
Overdraft rate: 19.2 per cent.
Higher rate deposit account: 2.49 per cent

I can now see how Barclays are paying for their past mistakes.

Yours faithfully,
W. A. C. NEWSOM,
21 Lansdowne Gardens,
SW8.

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For Transferees to receive this dividend, their transfers must be lodged with the Company's Registrar, Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, The Causeway, Worthing, West Sussex, BN99 6DA, not later than 3.00 p.m. on Friday, 2nd July, 1993.

Shell Centre, London, SE1 7NA
16th June, 1993

By Order of the Board
J.A. Cunliffe
Secretary

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All other claimants must complete the special form and present this at the above address together with the certificate(s) for marking by the National Westminster Bank PLC. Postal applications cannot be accepted.

Dated 15 June 1993

MEPC announces £222m cash call

BY CARL MORTISHED

MEPC yesterday became the last of the major property companies to tap the market for new funds, asking shareholders for £222 million in a one-for-five rights issue.

James Tuckey, managing director, said that about half of the money was earmarked for add-on development and refurbishment of the existing portfolio with three projects, totalling £25 million, ready to start immediately. The rest of the money will be spent on property acquisitions, which might include property companies. "Some of our best deals have been corporate deals," Mr Tuckey said.

Shareholders are being offered 64.6 million shares at 350p each and MEPC forecasts a maintained 20p dividend for the year.

Analysts were surprised by the generous pricing of the issue, which gives shareholders a 7 per cent yield on the new shares, being sold at a 17 per cent discount to the price before the announcement. MEPC shares fell 8p on the news to 414p. The market had been expecting an issue from MEPC with interim results, but the company passed up the opportunity.

Yesterday, Mr Tuckey said that MEPC wanted to ensure that it had enough investment opportunities to justify the cash call. He said that the interim results were not necessarily the right time for an issue because they gave no indication of the state of the balance sheet.

"If we had not raised the money, we would have been constrained in our activity until values improved and our gearing got better. The lifting of that constraint is good for the company and our shareholders," he said.

Mr Tuckey said that maintaining the level of dividend on the new shares would be a cost, but he expected to be able to produce investment opportunities to cover it over a 12-month period. There were signs of increasing demand from occupiers in some areas of the market, combined with evidence of institutions again investing in property, he said.

Mr Tuckey said that there was evidence that institutions were moving beyond the over-rented bond-type properties into investments requiring more active management. "To complete the picture, we need evidence of improving rents, and the evidence at present is patchy," he said.

MEPC has agreed terms to build a 175,000 sq ft warehouse at its Abingdon business park, near Oxford, and plans to extend the Clarendon shopping centre at Hyde, Cheshire. Further development is planned for the town centre at Yate in Avon.

MEPC has been shifting the focus of its portfolio away from City offices into provincial retail property, with office content, at September 30, down to 63 per cent, from 70 per cent two years previously. The central London portfolio has fallen from 48 per cent to 41 per cent over the same period and the vacancy rate has improved from 8 per cent to 6.5 per cent. At the September year-end, balance sheet gearing was 82 per cent on borrowings of £1.2 billion.

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Fund-raiser: James Tuckey, of MEPC, which may buy other property companies with its cash-call receipts

Watchdogs seek extra powers

BY SARA MCCONNELL

STEPHEN Edell and Brian Murphy, the building societies ombudsmen, are pressing for further powers to allow them to investigate complaints about home income plans, negligent surveys, mortgage payment protection insurance and other problems arising before borrowers complete on mortgages or investments.

At the moment, complaints about events occurring before completion on a loan or investment are outside the ombudsman's terms of reference.

Presenting the ombudsmen's report for 1992-3, Mr Edell said it was unsatisfactory that he could only investigate building societies' selling of investment bond-based home income plans to elderly people if the societies agreed.

The largest award made this year by the ombudsman was £22,500. The case concerned a mortgage payment protection policy but was within the ombudsman's terms of reference because the borrower had completed on his loan.

The number of cases dealt with by the ombudsman's office in 1992-3 increased by 29.2 per cent to 1,382, up from 1,070 the previous year.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Archer agency cuts dividend after loss

AJ ARCHER, the listed Lloyd's agency group, warned shareholders that the current restructuring of the insurance market is likely to reduce profits in the short term. The bleak outlook coupled with the group's "desire to conserve resources" led to the interim dividend being cut from 2.2p to 0.5p. Archer also announced that it had reached conditional agreement for the acquisition of Castle Underwriting, a rival Lloyd's agency, for the equivalent of £5.2 million in new shares.

Castle vendors will own 30.7 per cent of the enlarged group, which, with options, can rise to a maximum of 33 per cent. Castle's eight syndicates had a combined capacity of £187.8 million in 1993 and the members' agency arm handles the affairs of more than 500 names. In the six months to end-March, Archer made a pre-tax loss of £292,000 (£267,000 profit). Richard Maylam, chairman, said: "We will make our decision regarding the final dividend in the light of conditions prevailing at the end of the year."

Post group plans listing

BUSINESS Post Group, the independent overnight parcel and express mail operator, is seeking a London listing later this month via a placing by Baring Brothers. The company proposes to raise up to £15 million. Business Post announced results for the year ended March 31 showing pre-tax profit rose to £4.2 million (£2.9 million) on turnover of £33.7 million (£23.8 million). The group said: "The directors foresee particular opportunities for the businesses of Business Post International."

Volex doubles profit

VOLEX, the electronic components group, yesterday announced a doubling of pre-tax profits to £7.34 million (£3.68 million) in the year to end-March, just ahead of its forecast at the time of the £17.5 million rights issue earlier this year. The shares leapt 18p to 405p. Sales from continuing activities rose from £81.63 million to £106.09 million, and earnings per share jumped 51 per cent to 22.5p (14.9p). An 11.35p final makes 17.85p against 17p in the previous 12 months. Trading remains tough, the firm said.

Coats Viyella lifts stake

COATS Viyella has increased its stake in its Indian subsidiary, which is being renamed Coats Viyella India, from 39.9 to 51 per cent, with the agreement of the Delhi government. Neville Bain, chief executive, said the move would put the company in a better position to take advantage of growth prospects in India. The investment amounts to 604 million rupees (about £12 million) and is payable in three instalments — 25 per cent on completion, 25 per cent in January 1994 and the rest in the third quarter of 1994.

David Lloyd 84% ahead



DAVID Lloyd Leisure, the tennis and fitness clubs group run by David Lloyd, right, saw profits rise 84 per cent in the first-half to end-March and sounded an optimistic note on prospects. Organic growth and first-time full contributions from some units helped pre-tax profits to reach £1.94 million, from £1.06 million previously. The shares, floated at 150p in March, rose 12p to 190p. Earnings were 4.1p (2.8p) a share. The first dividend is to come after full-year results.

Builder back in black

FALLING interest rates helped return London & Clydeside, the quoted Scottish housebuilder, to the black in the six months to end-March. Pre-tax profits of £34,000 compared with a loss of £120,000. Earnings per share were 0.2p, compared with a loss per share of 0.6p and the interim dividend is maintained at 1.8p. Operating profits fell to £522,000 from £697,000, but interest payments more than compensated by dropping 40 per cent to £488,000 from £817,000.

Metrotect to float

METROTECT Industries, which makes plasticised materials for protecting pipelines, is planning a stock market flotation this month. Metrotect's pathfinder prospectus shows that 11 managers, who are selling about a third of their shares, will share £2.7 million. The West Yorkshire company's 97 employees will also be able to buy a stake once shares are placed with institutional investors. Metrotect was formed after a management buyout from BPB Industries, the plasterboard group, in April 1990.

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ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began June 7. Dealings end June 18. §Contango day June 21. Settlement day June 28. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
420	345	Abbey Ntl	413	-5	11.5	3.5	15.9
258	170	Allied Irish	253	-2	...	4.5	12.0
176	130	Ans New 2	165	+1	...	5.5	...
3806¼	2712½	Bankamerica	2850 †	-12½	...	...	...
250	188	Bk of Ireland	240	-1	...	5.6	∞
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
148	116¼	Bank Scotland	148	...	4.5	3.9	29.5
470	362	Barclays	464½	...	...	4.1	...
3¾	2	Benchmark	3	+¼	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
19¼	15¼	Carlisle	19	...	...	...	...
511	395	Cater Allen	511	...	26.0	6.4	...
129	85	Cattles	129	+1	...	4.1	17.2
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	1956¼	+31¼	...	...	...
2043¾	1343¾	Citicorp	1812½	+18¾	...	...	...
370	250	Close Bros	358	-2	...	3.4	15.0
£125¼	9275	Commerzbk	£120¼	-25	...	1.3	...
£130¼	£125¼	Deutsche Bk	£128¼	-150	...	2.3	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	78	...	...	...	...
1443	876	Fuji Bank Y	1397	-46	...	0.4	...
465	343	Gerrard Nat	419 †	-1	22.5	6.4	11.2
654	490	HSBC	650	...	19.0	3.7	15.6
634	474	HSBC HK	630	-1	19.0	3.8	15.1
356	243	Hambros	338	+1	...	5.3	15.4
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
155	96	King Shaxson	134	...	9.0	8.4	...
420	312	Kleinwort Ben	405	...	16.0	4.9	14.0
575	492	Lloyds	570	-4	18.4	4.0	16.5
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	83	...	3.0	4.5	16.5
451¼	322	Nat Aust Bk	441 †	+10	...	4.6	15.3
499	398	Nat West	474	-1	17.5	4.6	28.8
397	270	Provident	384	-8	11.4	3.7	16.0
47	39	Rea Bros	42	...	0.5	1.5	44.0
292	207	Ryl Bk Scot	288	-2	8.8	3.8	...
987½	467½	Schroders	943	...	...	1.5	18.8
769	576	Stand Chart	769	+15	20.0	3.3	...
196	145½	TSB	193	-2	6.4	4.1	...
150	78	Union Disc	140	...	...	...	...
741	529	Warburg SG	725 †	+1	...	3.3	18.3
251	185	-do- 6% 'A'	250	+1½	...	3.0	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	6650	-87½	...	1.6	...
170	121	Westpac	164 †	...	...	4.6	...
250	188	Wintrust	240	...	9.3	5.0	∞

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	539	-6	...	4.9	14.6
647	444	Bass	475	-3	18.9	5.0	10.3
273	189	Boddington	268	+1	7.3	3.4	15.6
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	375	...	9.0	3.0	17.3
159	128	Burtonwood Brw	136	...	4.4	4.1	9.8
307	261	Devenish (JA)	283	...	7.8	3.5	15.9
102	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	99	-3	...	4.2	25.8
68¼	50¼	Fosters Brewing	51	-¼	...	5.3	7.1
390	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	385	-5	...	2.2	16.2
480	383	Grand Met	413	-6	12.3	3.8	13.5
427	380	Greenalls Grp	385	-1	11.7	3.8	12.8
563	505	Greene King	537	-2	11.6	2.7	14.0
516	440	Guinness	485	-8	...	3.1	17.3
281	230	Hardy Hansn	235	-3	7.9	4.2	13.1
125	105	Heavitree▲	105	...	3.0	3.6	25.2
95	78	-do- 'A' LV▲	82	...	3.0	4.6	19.6
311	255	Highland Distl	311	+3	6.0	2.4	20.7
3125	2538	Holt J	2950	...	41.0	1.7	19.2
58	33	Hoskins Brew	36 #	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	275	+1	7.0	3.2	∞
186	157	Macallan-Glen	171	+1	0.9	0.7	38.4
465	375	Mardn Marstn 'A'	383 †	...	...	2.9	18.3
813	655	Mansfield	810	...	15.4	2.4	∞
256	231	Mrston Thmp	240	+1	5.4	2.9	∞
435	357	Matthew Clark	428	+3	...	5.3	∞
300	253	Morydwn W	278	+3	...	2.8	20.1
530	455	Morland	528 †	...	8.4	2.0	21.0
12	6¼	Paramount▲	8¼	...	...	2.1	15.5
165	145	Regent Inns	161	...	...	3.5	16.1
950	753	SA Breweries	893	-2	...	3.1	∞
482½	408	Scot & New	460	-5	16.1	4.3	12.8
223	181	Taunton Cider	212	...	...	2.8	19.8
248	213	Vaux Group	224	+1	9.3	5.2	15.4
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	285	...	...	2.1	23.0
507	435	Whitbread 'A'	487 †	...	...	4.6	12.2
1180	850	-do- 'B'	935 †	+5	...	2.4	23.5
613	498	Wolvrhmptn D	518	...	11.4	2.8	14.6
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	∞

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	113	...	...	1.2	40.8
27	13	Albrighton▲	19	...	...	...	...
108	87	Allen▲	108	...	...	5.8	10.8
99	65	Amec	90	-3	3.0	4.2	16.0
9¼	4	Anglia Sec	6¼	...	...	...	...
216	155	Ashtead▲	216	...	4.1	2.4	26.8
142	108	Attwoods	119	...	5.0	5.3	17.0
240	180	BPB Ind	230	+2	...	4.1	58.5
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	85	...	3.1	4.6	28.3
31	18	Bailey (Benj) Con	27	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barcon	100 †	...	1.2	1.6	18.1
148	94	Barratt Devs	148	+1	2.0	1.7	16.5
412	305	Bellway	401	...	...	3.7	23.2
32	15	Bellwinch	25	...	...	...	...
423	295½	Berkeley Gp	368	-9	...	2.0	25.4
83	45	Bett Bros	83 †	...	...	0.8	3.4
63	36	Blockleys	60	...	1.0	2.1	66.3
266	189	Blue Circle	259	-3	...	5.4	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	282	...	5.9	2.6	15.8
106	78	Breedon PLC	94	...	4.6	6.1	22.7
121	82	Br Dredging	113	...	5.2	5.8	25.1
83	45	Brit Fittings	81	...	1.5	2.3	...
151	99	Bryant	138	-1	4.8	4.3	28.5
81	53	CALA	80	...	2.3	...	...
284	205	CRH	272	-2	...	3.4	17.3
43	22	Cakebread Rby	34	...	...	...	...
45½	23	Costain	44	...	...	...	...
137½	86½	Countryside	130	...	...	4.0	34.0
70	38	Crest Nicholson	66	...	0.0	...	...
94	28	Cussins	84	-1	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunston▲	1½	...	...	...	...
25	16½	Edmond Hldgs	20	...	0.5	3.1	...
256	178	Epwin	256	+1	6.8	3.3	21.7
51	32	Erith	49	...	0.3	0.9	...
379	252	Eve Group▲	379	+1	...	3.2	13.7
59	34	Evered Bardon	57	+½	2.0	4.4	26.8
6¼	4¼	Explaura▲	4¾	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp▲	136	...	...	4.6	21.6
50	38	Galliford	42	...	4.3	...	16.9
78	60	Gibbs & Dandy	63	...	...	...	...
878	695	Gleeson (MJ)	878	...	12.7	1.8	14.2
122½	90	Hewden-Stuart	117	...	...	3.5	26.6
51	28	Hewetson	49	...	2.6	...	48.8
292	186	Heywd Wm	292	+1	12.5	5.4	...
106	77	Higgs & Hill	99	...	2.5	3.2	...
35	27	How Gp	28	...	...	6.7	...
18	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	39	Ibstock Johnsen	68	...	1.0	1.8	...
18½	12½	Jarvis	15¼	+½	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	262	-1	9.0	4.3	10.5
83	55	Ln Clydeside▲	75	+7	4.5	7.7	27.6
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	21	...	...	...	9.5
315	240	Manders	313	...	9.0	3.6	19.2
143	93	Marley	136	...	4.2	3.9	39.9
91	61	Marshalls	90	...	4.0	5.7	∞
163	122	Maunders (J)	163	...	4.9	3.8	14.9
214	96	McAlpine (A)	208	...	6.5	3.9	36.0
40	23	McCarthy & S	35	...	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	360	...	10.0	3.5	∞
4	4	Miskin Gp▲	4 #	...	...	...	...
129	62	Mowlem (J)	117	-1	4.0	4.3	...
78	51	NSM	68	+2	...	...	...
53	48	Nepdler▲	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
160	106	Newman Tnks	148	-2	...	6.7	19.8
300	197	Persimmon	260	-1	8.6	4.1	26.5
31	20	Phoenix Timber	26	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1412½	-10½	29.0	2.6	8.6
146	80	Prowting	130	...	3.4	3.3	...
6¼	3¾	Quiligotti▲	4¾	...	...	...	...
780	535	RMC Gp	758	-2	...	3.3	39.8
117	90	Raine Ind	98	-3	6.0	8.3	15.4
36	20	Ransom	21	...	...	...	...
519	402	Redland	477	-6	29.0	4.6	27.8
75	64	Roskel	72	...	4.3	7.5	10.6
296	207	Rugby Group	277	-4	8.4	2.9	21.2
42	23	Swfd-Rse▲	42	...	...	...	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	113	...	...	4.4	19.6
172	86½	Sheffield Insul	166 †	-1	...	4.1	40.7
113	82	Sheriff Hldgs▲	113	+13	...	2.2	18.7
95	66	Shorco▲	74	...	...	8.8	16.8
228	197	Smart (J)	197 †	...	8.5	5.4	9.0
6¼	4½	Stannin	5	...	0.3	7.5	∞
142	103	Tarmac	137	-3	5.5	5.0	...
194	137	Tay Homes	180	...	5.8	4.1	11.5
118	63	Taylor Woodrw	104	-2	1.0	1.2	...
588	433	Tilbury Dougls	585	...	33.0	7.1	∞
31	19	Torex Hire▲	34	+5	...	1.5	...
227	168	Travis Perkins	225	-1	8.0	4.4	39.6
40	30	Try Group	36	...	1.0	3.5	10.2
28	26	Tudor▲	28	...	...	1.1	...
74	41	Vibroplant	68	+1	3.6	6.6	12.5
65	20	Ward Hldgs	48	-1	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	28	-2	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	415	+24	10.7	3.2	17.9
26	8	Wescol▲	26	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	135 †	-1	5.0	4.6	21.1
12	4½	West Seafield▲	9	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	424	-1	8.7	2.6	39.1
205	147	Wilson (C)	190	-2	3.9	2.6	32.9
193	107	Wimpey G	171	-4	5.2	3.9	...
47	25	YRM	43	...	4.0	...	5.0

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	585	-3	...	...	∞
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air London▲	65	+1	...	6.7	8.0
54	37	African Lakes	54	...	2.0	4.6	...
178	125	Auto Sec	165	...	...	4.0	29.6
116	84	BET Ord	109	-2	3.2	3.8	...
93	41	BNB Res	91	...	4.9	6.7	...
318	256	BPP	280	...	8.0	3.4	16.0
285	235	Barbour Index	245	...	7.2	3.7	18.2
22	15	Boustead	19	...	0.7	4.6	...
243	184	Brit Data Mgt	243	...	...	2.1	20.3
21	11	Broadcastle▲	21	...	...	...	16.7
73	54	Brooks Service	68	-2	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	97	+2	2.4	3.1	11.1
178	130½	Capita Group	178	...	...	1.5	22.8
43½	31	Castlet Plc	43	-½	0.8	2.4	∞
55	40	Chiltern Capital	48½	-½	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	41	...	...	...	...
310	228	Chubb Sec	305	-3	...	2.0	28.1
81	18	Clonaca	78	+9	...	2.4	19.5
30	6½	Corp Services	28	...	...	...	...
93	50	Dart	90	+3	3.3	4.6	10.2
231	198	Davis Service	221	...	...	4.5	16.6
104	85	FW Facts▲	91	...	4.3	5.9	10.4
28	11	Gardiner	23	...	0.6	3.6	15.9
44	20	Gardner (DC)	42	...	...	...	...
246	215	Hays	219	-1	4.6	2.6	21.6
220	174	Hogg Robinson	196	-1	6.3	4.0	14.7
70	46	Holmes Protectn	46	-1	...	...	3.0
199	127	Hutch Whamp	185	-3	...	2.6	∞
1950	975	ISS B DKr	1950	...	...	5.7	2.6
637	532	Inchcape	586	-1	...	2.9	20.3
863	660	Johnson Clean	828	...	25.7	3.9	∞
12	2¼	Lep	9	+¼	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	226	...	2.7	1.5	18.5
1187	893	Manpower	976	...	1.8	4.7	20.4
48	40¼	Michael Page	48	...	...	6.1	∞
270	213	Penna▲	213	-10	...	...	...
4½	2	Prime People▲	3	...	...	...	...
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	85	-2	...	17.6	4.7
423	373	RCO	375	...	12.8	4.7	12.7
118	104	REA	104	...	4.0	4.8	...
103	43	Reed Executive	102	...	...	4.3	13.3
156	113	Reliance Secu▲	132	-1	2.3	1.6	22.9
238	178	Rentokil	184	+4	7.2	3.4	∞
278	240	Rolfe & Nolan	269	+1	...	2.8	18.9
399	342	Salvesen (C)	349	...	...	3.4	8.0
35	29	Scott Pickford▲	29	...	...	...	...
305	164	Securiguard	300	...	9.4	3.0	15.9
6¼	5	Select Appt▲	6	...	...	...	...
988	695	Serco Gp	948	-5	14.0	1.8	26.2
352	245	Sherwd Cmp▲	347	...	...	3.5	∞
130	90	Skechley	92	+2	3.0	4.1	∞
355	310	Warner Howrd	330	...	6.5	2.5	16.7
45	22	Welpac	32	+1	...	...	...
26	14	Wills Gp	22	-½	...	0.8	30.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	224	...	...	2.4	19.1
783	613	Amersham	772	-1	13.5	2.2	∞
...	3¼	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
£101¼	8325	BASF DM	9487½	-71½	...	7.3	...
259	199	BTP	255	+5	...	4.6	20.7
£119	£101½	Bayer DM50	£108¼	...	...	5.3	...
178	134	Blagden	167	...	9.5	7.1	18.0
165	93	Brent Chems	106	+7	...	8.7	9.7
530	390	Br Bio-Tech	395	...	...	...	...
29	15	Caird Gp	16	...	1.3	10.4	∞
153	126	Canning (W)	141	...	7.2	6.5	16.2
608	504	Courtaulds	539 †	+1	...	3.2	14.4
281	228	Croda	278	-3	...	3.5	18.2
149	121	Doeflex	140	...	4.6	4.1	10.7
206	175	Ellis & Everard	205	...	7.0	4.3	18.7
37½	15½	Euro Colour	32 †	...	0.8	3.1	19.6
291	259	Halstead (J)	291	+1	...	2.6	14.6
241	194	Hickson	219	...	...	4.6	20.3
£114½	8850	Hoechst	9900	-62½	...	3.8	...
225	195	Holliday Chem	223	-1	...	2.1	20.5
710	608	ICI	706	-1	...	4.9	...
686	581	Laporte	635	-9	19.5	3.8	17.5
223	181	Leigh	201	-7½	7.8	5.0	∞
19¼	7	MTM	13¼	...	...	...	...
1750	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1675	...	...	1.7	21.8
480	370	Paterson Zoch	448	...	11.4	3.2	19.3
400	380	-do- 'A'	398	...	11.4	3.6	17.2
256	239	Plysu	238 †	...	7.0	3.7	∞
215	173	Porvair	215	...	3.6	2.1	23.0
13¼	7¼	Sutcliffe Speak	11	...	...	...	...
476	425	Wardle Storeys	432	+2	18.0	4.6	17.4
490	395	Wolstnhlme R	485	...	17.0	4.6	15.9
401	368	Yorks Chem	369	-4	...	2.4	19.8
306	240	Yule Catto	282	...	5.9	2.5	17.8
637	609	Zeneca	616	-1	...	5.6	36.4

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	65	Alexon	79	-4	3.0	4.7	...
87	42	Amber Day	56	-2	3.1	5.0	18.1
319	257	Argos Plc	309	-3	...	2.8	26.4
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	117 †	...	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey	285	...	...	2.1	23.1
124	94	Austin Reed	133 ‡	...	...	2.3	...
152	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	146	...	...	5.1	14.7
123	94	Bentalls	102	...	1.9	2.4	...
226	208	Betterware	240 †	...	...	1.0	28.7
35	22	Blacks Leis	31	-1	2.2	9.5	∞
227	133	Body Shop	193 †	...	...	1.1	24.8
16	12	Brown & Jackson	14¼	...	...	0.7	∞
401	318	Brown (N)	378 †	...	...	1.3	22.2
87½	64¼	Burton	85	+1	...	3.0	...
145	126	Cantors	143	...	...	2.3	19.0
358	295	Church	355	...	22.5	4.4	31.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	143	-2	4.2	3.7	17.2
247	212	Coats Viyella	230	+4	...	3.9	27.1
106	78	Colorvision▲	96	...	...	...	16.2
518	374	Courts Furnish	517	-1	5.0	1.2	25.9
155	115	Crown Eyes	137	...	...	5.5	6.4
115	89	Dairy Farm Intl	113	+2	...	3.0	18.0
70¼	51¼	Dewhirst (I)	69¼	...	1.0	1.8	22.3
281	194¼	Dixons Grp	215	...	6.0	3.5	25.3
405	320	Dunhill	347	-1	8.1	3.0	∞
21	12¼	EBA Gp	16	...	...	...	...
530	400	Ellis (Wimbldn)	460	...	16.0	4.5	15.4
115	71	Essex Furn	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
249	203	Etam	245	+5	6.9	3.5	22.5
562	490	Fine Art Dev	552	...	12.7	2.9	18.0
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	18.4
88	34	French Conn▲	81	+2	...	...	...
48	21	Gabbicci▲	45	...	2.0	...	9.0
65	43	Gent SR	58	+8	2.0	4.3	17.0
47	23	Goldsmiths Gp	46	...	0.3	0.8	...
3025	2400	GUS	3025	+25	40.0	1.7	26.1
1728	1563	-do- 'A'	1690	...	40.0	3.0	13.5
40	33	Hampden Grp▲	34	...	...	3.7	16.9
[illegible]	30	Harstone	42	-1	4.8	14.5	2.6
25½	20	Helene Plc	23½	...	2.0	10.7	11.1
60	29	Heritage▲	55	...	...	...	...
63	35	Honeysuckle▲	55	...	...	2.2	8.2
93	63	Jacques Vert	83	...	2.0	...	...
619	496	Kingfisher	584	-2	...	2.9	19.1
74	62¼	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	4.0	7.6	13.6
685	495	Liberty	640	...	7.2	1.4	15.4
320	265	Lloyds Chem	297	+3	5.5	2.4	11.4
152	120	MFI	133	-2	...	3.5	17.7
366	311	Marks Spencer	336	-5	...	3.0	18.7
505	445	Menzies (John)	490	...	10.0	2.6	16.3
183	155	Moss Bros	182	...	5.5	3.8	∞
170¼	139¼	Next	163½	+2½	2.5	1.9	19.5
40	15	Oliver (G)	39	-1	...	...	...
262	197	Oxifame Ind	262	...	...	4.7	...
65	48	Pantos	54	...	1.5	3.5	11.2
313	255	QS Hldgs	284	...	5.1	2.3	20.2
41¼	11	Ramers Group	32¼	...	2.4	9.2	...
35	20¼	Rhino Grp▲	31¼	...	...	...	...
174	137	Sherwood Gp	170	...	...	1.9	15.3
108	93	Sears	99	...	3.5	4.4	∞
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	435	...	13.4	3.9	15.3
15	4¼	Specialeyes▲	12	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	209	-1	...	3.0	26.7
191	148	T & S Stores	165	...	5.9	4.5	12.3
133	71	Tie Rack	125	...	...	1.0	20.3
220	160	Time Products	216	...	7.3	4.4	18.2
100	63	Usher (Frank)▲	98	+1	...	6.4	7.7
45	27	Vivat	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
40	35	Wensum▲	36	...	...	6.3	...
120	78	Wickes	110	...	...	...	48.8
73	45	Wid of Leather▲	73	...	...	...	...
198	145	Wyevale▲	180	-1	...	2.8	∞
4	2¼	Xtra-vision▲	3¼	...	...	...	∞

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	143	ACT Group	158	-2	5.0	4.0	∞
240	223	Acal▲	237	...	...	3.4	...
162¼	38	Acorn Compu▲	105	...	...	...	53.2
480	385	Admiral	441	...	5.4	1.5	18.7
131	104	Alba	130	...	4.7	4.6	17.1
48	19¼	Alphameric	45	...	...	...	...
38¼	22	Amstrad	34	-1½	0.4	...	...
128	73	App Holo▲	80	...	...	...	...
37	13	Arlen	19	...	...	...	...
39	25¼	Astec	38	...	...	...	0.9
293	250	Bates Hunter	292	...	9.2	4.0	15.4
8	3¼	Bennett & Fount	5¼	...	...	...	...
409½	319	BICC	391	-2	19.2	6.2	26.5
575	455	Blick	497	...	9.2	2.3	19.4
1700	1150	Borland▲	1500	+50	...	...	...
332½	224	Bowthorpe	331½	+3½	6.3	2.4	∞
445¼	376	BT	421½	-2	...	4.7	19.5
11	5¼	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	9¼	-1½	0.1	1.4	∞
160	110	Burnfield	159	...	5.7	4.5	25.1
780	669	Cable Wireless	734	-15	13.2	2.3	22.7
21¼	11½	Chloride	19¼	-1½	...	...	...
258	229	CML Micro▲	258	...	...	2.3	∞
115	74	Comptr People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
158	108¼	Cray Elect	153	...	...	0.4	12.5
367	343	Critchley	367	+2	...	2.1	∞
119	86	Dale	104	...	5.1	6.1	10.1
548	434	Delta	537	-1	...	3.3	22.1
298	205	Denmans Ele	298	...	...	2.6	12.7
620	460	Domino	487	+3	7.2	1.9	15.9
66	48	Dowding Mills	57	...	2.5	5.5	18.7
1040	865	Druck▲	988	+3	...	1.2	24.1
411	358	Electrocomps	402	+3	...	2.5	18.4
573	470	El Data Pte	555	...	5.1	1.1	15.2
15	43	Electron House	[illegible]	...	2.3	3.5	25.3
30¼	19¼	Emess	27¼	+1	0.1	0.5	...
591	442	Eurotherm	590	+1	8.0	1.7	26.9
147	108	FKI	138	-3½	3.0	2.8	∞
406	340	Farnell Elect	405	...	...	1.8	21.4
51	33	Feedback▲	33	...	...	...	...
18	9¼	Ferranti	13¼	-1	...	...	...
203	101	First Tech	203	...	...	...	...
236	81	Forward Gp▲	222 †	...	...	1.9	20.1
21	16	Forward Tech	16	...	...	...	...
340¼	264	GEC	335	-5	9.6	3.6	17.7
182	132	Graseby	166	...	...	8.2	34.0
11¼	7¼	Graystone	9¼	+¼	...	...	...
39	36	Hilclare▲	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
169	83	INSTEM▲	169	+1	...	2.3	12.3
389	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	8.0	2.6	16.5
17¼	8	Kembrey	15	...	0.3	3.1	5.7
321	260	Kenwood App	319	-2	5.8	2.3	∞
181	47	Kewill Sys▲	162	...	...	...	8.1
207	100	Kode	205	...	5.5	3.4	24.3
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	43	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS▲	313	-2	...	...	...
300	240	Lec Refrig	300	...	9.0	4.1	...
179	135	Life Sciences	156	-1	3.5	2.8	16.9
236	164	Logica	236	...	3.6	1.9	27.7
54	44	LPA Ind▲	45	...	...	9.8	12.7
212	177	MR Data Mngmt	179	...	4.3	3.0	17.1
680	523	Macro 4	680	...	...	1.3	22.8
630	522	Manwkr-Sw▲	594	...	...	1.9	19.5
3013	1988	Micro Focus	2223	...	...	...	20.9
227	184	Microgen	185	...	7.2	4.9	12.6
34¼	23¼	Microvitec▲	25	...	...	...	...
514	357	Misys	502	+1	6.1	1.5	22.9
227	[illegible]	Mitel	220	+8	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Compu▲	119	...	...	3.7	15.1
28	16	Molynx	21¼	...	1.3	7.6	∞
272	202	MTL Inst▲	218	...	...	2.1	16.4
165	122	Maidstone Elect	153	...	3.0	2.8	16.3
160	116	Murray Enter	159	...	1.8	1.5	73.9
6412¼	5225	NYNEX	5787½	...	...	...	...
188	140	Neotronics	148	...	2.6	2.2	19.0
65	42	Newmark (L)	65	...	...	...	...
114	58	Norbain▲	107	...	...	1.2	16.0
75	20	Northamber	62	...	0.5	1.0	...
15¼	9	Oceonics	12¼	+¼	...	...	8.3
265	195	Oxford Inst	265	-2	4.5	2.2	∞
83	48	P-E Internl	73	...	1.0	1.7	...
75	29	P & P	70	...	1.4	2.5	37.2
80	55	Peek	67	...	3.4	6.3	17.5
190	115	Pegasus▲	149	...	...	3.3	38.2
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1050	725	-do- Lmp DV	1012½	...	...	...	...
254	211	Phonelink▲	237	-5	...	...	...
462	343	Pilko	462	...	7.7	2.1	39.2
442	303	-do- 'A' Voting	442	...	7.7	2.2	37.4
96	63	Plasmec▲	72	...	...	6.5	6.1
104	76	Pressac	100	...	2.4	3.0	20.3
135	103	Psion▲	108	-7	...	2.9	28.7
229	160	Racal Elect	221	-5	...	2.4	17.1
60	45	Radamec	58	...	1.0	3.2	∞
70	43	Radius▲	58	-1	...	5.8	20.0
92	61	Real Time▲	78	+1	...	4.8	7.1
35	18	Riva▲	34	...	...	...	...
620	488	Sage Gp	532	...	9.0	2.1	17.1
66	49	Scantronic	64	...	2.9	5.8	20.2
145	117	Scholes Grp	140	...	5.0	4.5	27.5
330	270	Sema Gp	304	...	2.8	1.2	24.7
39	26	Silvermines	32	...	...	9.0	...
45	37	Soundtracks▲	43	...	...	6.4	14.5
2512½	1737½	TDK	2350	...	...	1.2	∞
27	4¼	TDS Circuits▲	14	...	...	...	∞
155	80	Telemetrix	133	-1	0.8	0.8	∞
999	809	THORN EMI	880	-7	...	4.7	17.8
111	96	Thorpe FW	104	...	2.5	3.0	10.7
103	70	Total Systems▲	79	...	2.2	3.6	14.1
445	372	Tunstall	435 †	+3	6.0	1.7	17.4
256	164	Unitech	245	-4	5.8	3.0	42.9
11¼	6	Verity▲	7¼	...	...	...	...
34	24	Vistec▲	33	...	...	1.1	28.1
471	367	Vodafone	444	+3	...	2.0	20.0
441	308	Volex	405	+18	17.8	5.7	∞
26	11	Western Selectn	23	-1	...	...	...
255	223	Wholesale Ftgs	254	...	11.7	5.8	24.2

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	458	+2	...	5.5	7.6
496	398	Eastern Elect	470	+3	16.7	4.4	11.6
356	304	Hydro-Elect	337	-3	...	4.3	11.9
507½	458	London Elect	461	-4	16.8	4.6	8.9
549	458	Manweb	522	...	...	5.2	7.3
514	424¼	Midlands Elec	482	+4	17.2	4.5	10.1
549	440	Northern Elec	511	+3	18.5	4.5	7.6
544	439	Norweb	500	+2	17.7	4.4	9.4
337	285	Scottish Power	317	-½	...	4.4	11.5
528	436	Seeboard	519	+1	17.2	4.2	9.4
571	469	Sth Wales	547	+2	19.4	4.4	8.7
532	426	Sth Western	480	+3	17.4	4.5	8.6
496	405	Southern Elec	465	+1	16.6	4.5	9.2
552	456	Yorkshire Elec	513	+1	17.7	4.3	8.5
368	273	National Powr	364 †	-2	...	3.6	11.1
384	273	PowerGen	383	...	...	3.4	10.5

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60¼	51	Aitken Hume	51	-1	0.5	...	33.6
65	47	SWD▲	84	...	...	4.8	13.1
90	26	Baltic Plc	90	...	...	1.4	...
483	413	Caledonia	419	...	14.4	4.3	16.1
1500	1095	Camellia	1375	...	27.0	2.5	11.6
265	243	Candover	264	...	10.2	4.9	18.7
103	71	Flexitech▲	101 †	-2	...	0.6	∞
303	155	Govett	284	-7	...	5.3	8.9
151	125	Ivory Sime	149	...	...	5.3	15.6
6¼	3	LIT	3¼	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
203	154	Lon Forfaiting▲	200	...	8.4	5.4	14.1
61	47	Manakin	61	...	...	...	...
12¼	3¼	Nat Home Loan	9¼	...	...	...	...
50	40	Newmarket	50	...	...	...	...
296	246	Rathbone Bay	275	...	6.0	2.7	16.7
23¼	17	Rutland Tst	23	...	...	4.3	13.7
330	253	S & U	272	+5	10.0	4.6	∞
70	48	Singer & Fried	69	-1	2.6	4.7	∞
975	738	Sothebys	838	...	...	4.5	...
118	83	SIP Capital	117	...	3.0	3.2	∞

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487¼	Amer Express	1912¼	-28¼	...	...	...
279	183	Electra	238	+2	6.7	3.5	32.5
978	835	Henderson Ad	930	...	42.0	5.9	∞
158	92	Invesco MIM	137	...	3.0	2.7	∞
227	164	Jardine Strat	227	...	...	3.2	11.2
194	154	MAI	192	...	6.0	3.9	14.0
527	389	MAM	524 †	...	15.0	3.6	13.1
799	683	M & G	775	-3	...	3.5	20.6
240	115	Smith New Ct	240	+2	4.3	2.3	9.5
81	55	Trio Hldgs	80	...	...	4.7	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	467	-1	14.0	3.8	10.5
77¼	53	ASDA Group	71	+½	...	2.8	22.9
255	170	Acatos & Hutch	228 †	+8	6.5	3.6	13.2
76	55	Albert Fisher	66	-1	3.7	7.1	11.0
407	297	Argyll	343	-1	...	4.1	12.4
25	12	Ashley Group	14	-½	...	5.0	...
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	127	...	8.0	7.9	∞
210	160	Banks (S C)	208	...	8.2	5.0	10.4
402	310	Barr (AG)	372	+1	6.5	2.2	18.3
85	57	Benson Crsp▲	66	...	...	5.4	14.8
141	112¼	Berisford Intl	132	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	368	...	...	7.4	37.9
32	35	Borthwick	30½	...	1.2	3.0	∞
505	430	Brake Bros	505	...	6.2	1.5	20.9
51	38	Budgen	38	-3	...	...	12.9
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	463	-2	...	3.6	17.2
106	78	Carrs Milling	105	...	3.9	4.7	20.8
201	178	Cranswick▲	192	...	...	4.9	14.2
22	8¼	Cullens	20	...	0.5	3.2	∞
384	168	Dalepak	207	...	6.0	3.6	9.3
491	424	Dalgety	486	+6	19.5	5.3	13.3
54	27	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.6	...
134	122	Devro	128	...	...	3.4	17.7
295	259	Farepak▲	280	...	...	2.2	20.6
10	3	Farringford	7¼	...	...	...	...
94	70	Finlay (James)	70 †	...	...	7.4	23.2
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.6	16.6
483	328	Geest	389	...	8.1	2.7	19.6
12	7	Global▲	10	...	...	6.3	15.6
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	192	...	6.1	4.0	11.6
171	131	Hillsdown	142	-5	...	7.7	11.2
250	205½	Iceland Group	243 †	-1	...	1.7	21.7
131	111	JLI Group	113	...	4.5	5.0	16.3
853	731	Kwik Save	733	-4	16.0	2.7	14.0
262	190	Low (Wm)	191	...	8.4	5.5	9.2
58	41	Matthews (B)	58	...	2.2	4.8	38.0
19¼	12¼	Merchant Retail	18	...	1.1	8.0	∞
174	149	Morrison (W)	155	...	...	0.6	20.2
548	440	Nichols (JN)	548	+15	13.6	3.1	15.9
290	242	Nthn Foods	258	-3	...	4.2	12.6
22	13	Nthmbrn Fn▲	17	-1	...	...	7.1
229	172	Nurdin Peack	218	+1	6.1	3.5	∞
249	205	Park Foods	249	+1	6.0	3.1	∞
115	83	Perkins Food	96	-1	...	5.7	10.4
96¼	47	PizzaExpress	86	...	...	0.7	49.4
9	1½	Regina Hldg▲	6¼	...	...	...	...
584	446	Sainsbury J	494	-2	...	2.6	17.0
68	33	Sentry Farm▲	61	...	...	3.1	10.9
225	120	Sims Food	120	-1	...	7.8	6.5
439	357	Tate & Lyle	384	-2	12.0	3.9	12.1
273	208	Tesco	217	-2	...	4.1	10.1
211	123	Thorntons	138	...	3.6	3.3	12.8
183	101	Treats▲	162	+1	...	2.8	18.4
375	310	Unigate	352	+2	...	5.9	11.2
437	340¼	Utd Biscuits	391	+2	...	4.9	20.2
25	21	Usborne	21	-1	0.4	2.4	13.9
357	268	Watson & Phil	315	...	13.3	5.4	16.2

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	14	Abrdn Stk H▲	14	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	83	-1	1.5	2.4	20.0
218¼	170	Forte	215	-1½	...	4.4	16.9
199	155	Friendly Hotels	186	...	5.7	3.8	35.5
8	5	Harmony Leis▲	6¼	+¼	...	...	...
130	87	Jurys Hotel	130	...	...	5.5	15.0
215	154	Ladbroke	171½	-6¼	11.1	8.1	14.6
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	66	-1	...	4.8	17.7
59	44	Queens Moat	47¼ #	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¼% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2¼	¼	Regal Hotels▲	1¼	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	49	+½	3.4	8.8	9.6
34	11¼	Ryan Hotels K	17¼	...	...	6.3	∞
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	795	...	7.0	1.1	...
57	34¼	Stakis	50	-1	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	178	AAF Inds	201	...	...	5.5	12.3
616	478	AAH	501	+1	16.3	4.1	15.9
172	140	AIM	165	...	6.5	4.9	10.2
132	88	APV	99	...	...	6.8	...
233	81	ASW	216	...	...	3.5	...
168	124	Adwest	168	...	7.0	5.2	23.9
28	10	Aerospace Eng	20¼	-½	1.0	...	12.5
518	434	Albright & W	503	-2	9.0	2.3	∞
146	113	Alexdn W	146	...	3.8	3.3	40.3
13¼	7	Allied Radio	7¼	...	...	...	...
540	415	Alumasc	540	...	11.0	2.5	19.5
48	17	Alvis	42	...	1.0	3.0	8.5
420	345	Amber Ind	385	...	17.0	5.5	10.3
38	18	Amberley Gp▲	35	...	...	3.6	...
145	115	Andrews Sykes	115	...	4.4	4.9	∞
893	703	Anglo Amer	733	...	...	2.7	13.6
50¼	37	Armour	41	...	1.4	4.5	12.0
170	143	Ash & Lacy	156	...	6.4	5.1	18.0
3¼	2¼	Asst Br Eng	3¼	...	1.0	1.9	...
541¼	436	Avon Rubber	485	-3	...	4.3	19.4
235	168	Assoc Nursg▲	230	...	...	...	8.0
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	650	-3	...	4.2	16.3
53	25	Ayrshire Metal	53	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	154½	-1½	...	6.1	13.1
65	28	BLP Group▲	65	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	20	...	5.0	...	0.8
770	650	BOC	681	+8	23.2	4.3	14.9
79¼	62	BSG	68¼	...	...	5.8	23.9
487	353	BSS Group	446	...	17.2	5.0	∞
612	318	BTR	364 ‡	-4	...	3.7	20.8
221	185	BWI	185	...	6.7	4.5	17.8
41¼	31	Babcock	36¼ #	...	2.1	7.2	∞
7¼	4¼	Bailey (CH)	6¼	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	262	...	8.9	4.3	18.2
1062¼	556¼	Barlow Rand	637½	+6¼	...	5.5	3.5
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	62	...	...	2.9	25.4
15	5	Beauford	7	...	...	...	...
8¼	6¼	Beckenham▲	8	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)▲	30	...	...	...	...
27¼	15¼	Benson Group	17	...	0.1	0.7	15.7
707	512	Bespak	536	...	9.0	2.1	16.8
133	81	Bibby (J)	82	-1	9.7	...	4.8
300	120	Billam (J)	248	+4	5.0	2.5	12.5
41	21¼	Bilstn Bttnsea▲	35	...	...	...	...
11¼	6¼	Birmec Ind	8¼	...	0.6	...	...
158	126	Birkby	156	...	...	0.8	...
45	32	Black Arrow	44	...	2.1	6.0	10.5
1¼	¼	Black & Edgtn▲	1¼	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	176	+1	2.9	2.1	18.1
274	129	Bluebird Toys▲	271	...	...	2.1	16.9
293¼	247	Bodycote	285 ‡	...	...	2.2	18.2
563	425	Boots	435	...	...	3.9	16.1
61	45	Booth Inds	58	...	3.2	6.9	6.0
517	435¼	Bowater	485	-5	11.5	3.0	19.2
1682	1293	Bowater Inc	1311 †	-15	...	...	...
248	199	Boxmore Intl▲	244	...	...	1.9	18.3
19	12½	Brassway	16	...	0.5	4.5	20.7
268	204	Brammer	251	...	13.0	6.5	22.7
18	12	Bridgend Gp	17	...	1.2	...	7.3
119	64	Briddon	110	-2	...	4.5	77.9
70	53	Bridport-Gndry	70	...	4.1	7.3	13.1
40	31	Brierley Inv	39	+1	...	8.1	9.6
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	253	...	...	1.2	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock▲	49	...	...	...	...
522	417	Br Polythene	521	...	...	2.4	18.7
106	54	Br Steel	104	+½	...	1.2	...
130	100	Br Syphon	129	...	3.0	2.9	36.2
17	11¼	Br Thornton	16	-½	...	...	...
268	216	Br Vita	235	-1	7.1	3.8	14.5
14¼	6¼	Brixton Grp	14¼	+½	0.0	0.3	...
730	555	Broken Hill	635	+6	...	2.9	30.1
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	104	...	4.0	4.8	14.3
10¼	6¼	Brooke Tool	9¼	...	...	...	...
70	51	Brown & Tawse	66	...	4.7	...	...
118	91	Bullough	115	+1	6.0	6.6	19.2
26	13	Business Tech▲	16	...	...	...	∞
28	17	CI Group	25	...	1.0	5.0	24.0
25	15	Campbll & Arm	21	...	2.0	...	...
34	6¼	Cannon St	28	...	...	...	...
241	205	Cape	241	...	10.5	5.4	15.4
228	178	Cardo Eng	206	...	...	5.2	17.3
2886	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2375 †	-50	...	2.7	∞
78	[illegible]	Cassidy Bros▲	72	...	...	4.2	8.0
197	158	Castings	183 †	...	4.3	3.0	∞
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	135	...	6.2	5.8	∞
707	605	Charter Cons	618	-5	21.5	4.3	14.8
295	220	Chemring	295	+7	...	3.5	17.8
92	52	Chieftain Gp▲	53	...	5.1	12.3	11.1
35	17	Chillington	31	-1	0.2	1.0	...
204	144	Christies Int	190	...	1.5	1.0	∞
61	34	Clayhithe	58	...	2.5	5.4	...
95	70	Clayton Son	95	...	...	...	...
7	1	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	325	Cohen (A)	325	...	6.8	2.6	∞
223	179	Community H	187	...	6.5	4.3	11.6
246	186¼	Concentric	206	...	...	3.4	17.4
209	120	Cook (Wm)	202	-1	5.0	3.1	∞
215	182	Cookson	210	+3	...	3.6	27.8
46	38	Copymore▲	46	...	...	2.7	∞
238	173	Crwll Pkr 'A'	182	-5	5.7	3.9	15.5
178	124	Cosalt	136	-1	10.7	...	18.8
224	160	Creighton Nt▲	175	-2	...	5.0	12.7
48	27	CrestaCare	43	-1	0.5	1.5	37.2
3550	2930¼	Dana	3405¼	-103¼	...	...	...
828	314	Danka Bs Sys	775	...	4.5	0.7	∞
16	5	Davies (DY)▲	16	...	...	...	...
711	642	De La Rue	662 †	-1	...	3.2	17.5
25	16	Dinkie Heel	24	...	0.9	4.9	10.1
495	391	Diploma	495	+4	9.7	2.5	25.8
77	50	Dobson Park	75 †	...	5.2	...	13.5
99	92	Dyson (J&J)	99	...	5.0	6.3	14.2
66	57	-do- 'A'	66	...	5.0	9.5	9.5
16¼	8	EFG▲	12	+1	...	...	...
421	367	EIS	390	...	...	3.9	∞
15¼	9¼	EIT Gp▲	9¼ #	...	...	...	...
28	19	Elbief	23	...	...	...	...
43	19	Elco	20	...	3.3	...	11.8
2380	1787½	Electrolux 'B'	1787½	...	...	3.1	...
66	45	Elliott (B)	39	...	...	...	...
486	402	Eng China Cl	430	+3	...	5.9	23.2
2950	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2812½	-12½	...	1.1	...
91	27	Erskine Hse	90 †	...	...	3.5	9.1
53	32	Eurocopy	46	...	...	1.6	17.7
87	47	Expamet	81	-3	3.2	5.0	∞
652	499	Fairey Group	651	...	10.2	2.0	20.1
95	53	Fenner	82	...	4.2	...	15.5
66	33	Ferraris Group▲	59	...	...	2.2	13.5
1¼	¼	Ferromet▲	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Ferrum	26	...	2.5	12.0	18.2
51	28	Fife Indmar	51	...	0.5	1.2	...
251	147	Fisons	168	+6¼	...	6.5	19.5
53	29	Fitzwilton	41	+3	...	13.0	...
255	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	39	Folkes Group nv	39	...	...	1.3	∞
73	56	French (Thomas)	73	...	3.6	6.2	36.6
218	166¼	Frost Group	214	...	4.0	2.4	∞
85	71	GEI Intl	82	...	7.3	11.2	16.9
480	434	GKN	461	-5	...	5.6	30.7
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
98	79	Garton Eng	94	...	4.0	5.3	...
160	108	Gestetner	114	-1	8.2	9.0	5.0
36	23	Glaves	23	...	...	...	16.6
801	545	Glaxo	599	-3	11.0	3.5	16.5
26	16	Glenchewton	24	...	...	...	...
311	245	Glynwed	292	+3	11.6	5.0	27.5
100	66	Goode Durrant	91	...	5.4	7.4	19.3
134	102	Grampian Hld	133	...	5.5	5.2	23.1
411	341	Granada	409	+1	7.2	3.4	21.8
407	301	Great Stirms▲	390	...	...	3.4	16.4
96	78	Green (Ernst)▲	96	...	...	9.1	13.3
15¼	8¼	Greenacre▲	13	...	...	2.7	12.0
17	8	Guardian Grp▲	9	...	...	...	...
56	30¼	Haden Macln	56	...	...	4.5	20.2
83	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	75	...	...	...	...
235	115	Hall Eng	225	...	8.6	4.8	18.8
258	215	Halma	243	+2	2.2	1.1	30.1
49	30	Hampson Ind	38	...	2.3	...	10.3
285¼	225¼	Hanson	228¼	+1¼	...	6.2	11.6
221	187	Harris (Philip)	220	...	...	3.9	15.6
187	147	Harrisn Crsfld	178	-1	9.0	6.3	25.7
66	38	Havelock Euro	66	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	40	...	...	...	...
35	17	Headway	34	...	0.7	3.6	12.7
394	301	Hepworth	379	...	14.8	4.9	16.3
228	160	Hewitt (J)	225	...	3.0	1.7	17.6
38	15	High-Point	31	...	1.3	...	...
146	112¼	Hill & Smith	146	...	...	4.8	20.3
10	6¼	Hobson▲	7¼	...	...	...	...
121	87	Holders Tech▲	121	+2	...	6.2	15.8
49	30	Hopkinsons	46 †	...	1.3	3.5	19.0
167	133	Hornby▲	133	-1	...	8.5	12.6
13¼	6	Hospital Crp	8¼	...	...	11.8	2.3
73	54¼	Howden	70	...	...	3.8	10.8
231¼	173	Hunting	224	...	...	5.6	18.9
415	269¼	Huntingh Tec▲	410	...	...	1.8	∞
295	247	IMI	286	+2	...	4.4	24.4
108	90	ISA Intl	107	+1	1.5	1.8	16.6
205	179	Intercare Gp▲	188	...	...	1.7	19.9
255	235	Isotron	249	...	3.9	2.0	16.0
528	360	Jardine Math	509	-5	...	2.3	19.7
537	438	Johnson Matth	454	-2	...	2.9	18.4
64	51	Johnson & FB	53¼	...	3.0	7.1	16.2
177	104	Johnston	167	-5	3.2	2.4	...
32	19	Jones Stipman	31	...	...	...	...
32	18	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.0	...
55	26	Kalamazoo	54¼	-½	...	...	44.9
178	73	Kalon	163	-1	...	2.5	22.6
297	253	Kelsey Ind	273 †	...	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kershaw (A)	500	...	22.0	6.8	25.9
168	75	Kleeneze	157	+3	...	...	...
143	61	LGW▲	142	...	3.0	2.6	11.8
303	266	Laird	295	+1	...	4.4	14.5
166	105	Lee (Arthur)	161	+1	...	4.7	66.7
153	110	Lilleshall	153	...	4.2	3.5	18.9
153	97	Lincat▲	146	...	...	4.4	12.6
18¼	4¼	Lincoln Hse▲	17	...	...	...	14.0
128	76	Linread	115	...	3.7	4.1	17.8
208	170	Linton Park	200	...	14.0	8.8	∞
15¼	10¼	Lionheart	14¼	...	0.2	1.8	...
19¼	15	Locker (T) A	16	...	1.0	7.8	50.4
274	175	Lon Ind	176	+1	9.4	6.7	12.0
122	70	Lonrho	105	-8	...	4.8	...
342	269	Low & Bonar	321	...	...	3.5	45.0
343	268	MB-Caradon	280	...	...	3.9	21.7
169¼	135	-do- pf	140¼	-½	7.2	6.5	...
27	14¼	ML Hldgs	24	...	1.8	...	23.2
43	27	MS Intl	36	-1	2.5	8.7	30.3
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
190	168	Macfarlane	188	...	...	2.1	21.3
433	379	McKechnie	430	-3	14.7	4.3	21.3
106	88	McLeod Russel	90	...	6.0	8.6	10.6
10¼	5¼	Maddox	6	...	...	...	∞
76	63	Magnolia	76	...	0.1	0.2	12.2
106	71	Mang Bronze	95	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	21	Marling	21¼	+½	0.3	...	...
179	124	Mayborn▲	160	-1	...	3.9	13.3
54	29	Mayflower	51	...	...	3.1	∞
236	191¼	Medeva	226	-1	...	1.2	18.3
113	88	Meggitt	110	-2½	...	4.3	18.7
118	98	Metair	108 ‡	...	...	4.2	17.5
76	70	Metsec▲	75	...	...	...	...
82	29	Midstates	74	...	...	1.3	∞
25	14	Mining & Ald	22¼	-½	0.5	2.4	...
498	368	Molins	467	-1	...	3.7	12.1
345	262	Morgan Crucible	302	-1	...	5.2	16.1
145	134	Morris Ashby▲	138	...	...	4.3	12.0
31	18	Neepsend	25	...	1.5	...	...
60	34	Nester-BNA	53	...	3.1	7.4	12.7
169	122	Nobo Gp	169	...	3.5	2.6	20.7
174	127¼	Novarus	161	+2	...	5.7	∞
43	35	Novo Group	39	...	...	1.0	...
413	310	Nu-Swift	383	-5	...	6.5	10.6
55	36	Office Elec Mac	48	...	0.1	0.3	...
39¼	21	Oldl Ind	22¼	...	1.7	9.7	...
140	123	PCT▲	124	...	...	7.3	14.1
48	41	Pacer Systems▲	41	-1	...	8.9	...
138	105	Pentland	105	...	...	3.0	14.3
385	310	Photo-Me	384	-1	4.4	1.4	19.6
137	97¼	Pilkington	129	-1	4.0	3.9	...
32	19	Platon▲	27	...	...	...	...
79	68	Plantsbrook	70	...	3.0	5.4	11.0
154	126	Polypipe	139	...	1.9	1.8	20.1
32	19	Porter Chadbrn	20	-1½	2.3	15.6	4.9
7¼	5¼	Porth Gp▲	6¼	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	334	...	6.6	2.5	∞
20	16¼	Prospect Inds	19	...	0.7	4.9	9.5
54	32¼	RPS Group▲	53	...	...	5.2	11.7
95	73	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ramco Oil▲	178	-6	...	0.7	∞
762	636	Rank Org	749	-5	31.0	5.2	20.5
33	23	Ransomes	27	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	579	-2	...	3.5	21.0
77	50	Record	73	...	3.6	6.2	35.9
7¼	2¼	Reece	3¼	...	...	...	...
194	131	Relyon	192	-2	4.9	3.2	23.0
303	275	Renishaw	287	-2	6.5	2.8	22.0
62	55	Renold	61	...	1.0	2.0	...
1438	1240	Reuters	1399	-10	21.2	2.0	22.1
37¼	29¼	Rexmore	37¼	...	1.7	5.8	9.2
120	91	Ricardo Group	118	...	5.7	6.0	33.2
68	56	Richard (Leics)	66	...	4.4	8.3	...
83	63	Richardson West	83	...	3.0	4.5	21.3
128	109	Ropner	122	...	8.2	8.5	17.3
132	97	-do- 'A'	115	...	8.2	9.0	16.3
38	28	Ross Gp	33	...	0.6	2.5	13.5
171	131¼	Rotork	167 †	-3	...	2.8	22.1
135	100	Rubicon	125	...	...	1.5	...
65	43	Russell (A)	62	...	...	2.0	...
29	15	SEP Indl	26	...	...	3.7	23.5
800	625	SKF 'B'	775	-12½	...	...	...
342	222	Sanderson Elec	303	...	9.0	3.8	12.7
88	39	Savage▲	83	...	...	0.4	...
65	39	Saville Grdn (J)	45	...	2.2	6.1	17.8
248	208	Scapa	226	...	...	3.2	16.2
238	192	Scholl	229	+4	...	3.4	16.7
6¼	4	Scot Heritable	5¼	...	...	...	...
990	917	Securicor	948	+3	2.6	0.3	36.1
666	562	-do- 'A'	615	...	2.6	0.5	28.4
565	465	Security Serv	519	...	5.0	1.2	25.7
106	77	Senior Eng	106	...	...	3.7	17.2
361	306	Seton Health	330	-2	5.8	2.2	∞
68	42	Sheldon Jones▲	63	...	...	...	...
133	88	Shiloh	132	...	2.9	2.7	14.2
361	295	Sidlaw	341	...	10.0	3.7	15.9
501	427	Siebe	464	-5	...	2.7	16.8
313	220	Silentnight	310	-3	...	3.2	18.2
124	102	Sime Darby	111	...	...	3.8	13.6
142	32	Simon Eng	43	...	5.0	14.5	9.8
259	235	Sinclair (Wm)	239	...	7.0	3.7	15.4
47	39	Six Hundred	38	...	2.0	5.9	∞
164	140¼	Smith & Neph	141¼	...	...	4.1	19.0
513	389	SmithKline	438¼	+2¼	8.6	2.5	15.8
450	340	SmithKline Uts	394	+3	...	3.4	14.2
394	320	Smiths Ind	357	-3	11.2	3.9	14.6
140	66	Sthn Bus	72	...	3.3	6.0	6.7
410	365	Spandex▲	405 †	...	...	2.0	18.0
550	390	Spear (JW)	525	...	4.0	3.4	9.7
382	314	Spirax-Sarco	339	...	...	3.4	21.5
145	55	Spring Ram	68	-1	...	0.6	18.6
270	222	Staveley	239	...	8.5	4.6	∞
147	126	Sterling Ind	133	...	5.6	5.3	16.7
20	11	Stonehill	19¼	...	...	...	...
154	97	Suter	150	+1	8.8	7.3	15.7
300	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	346	-8	...	2.6	∞
7	5	Sycamore	5¼	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	63	...	...	7.9	12.1
275	240	Sybrone	275	...	9.4	4.3	12.7
198	164	T & N	187	-4	...	7.3	30.0
343	279	TI	337	+5	...	4.0	18.6
23	12	TLS Range▲	17	-1	...	1.8	...
288	218	TT Group	288	...	6.0	2.6	17.1
249	220	Talbex	233	...	1.8	1.0	19.3
823	618	Takeda Chem	788	-34	...	0.6	20.9
42	34	Tex Hldgs	41	+1	...	...	...
94	70	Tinsley (E)▲	94	...	...	6.9	11.0
225	150	Titmuss	195	...	...	2.3	17.0
221	221	Tomkins	237	-2	...	3.3	16.6
130¼	67	Trafalgar H	105	...	...	3.8	7.7
110	65¼	-do- 'A'	105	...	...	...	...
579	346	Transfer Tech	559	...	16.0	3.6	14.1
190	158¼	Triplex Lloyd	175	...	7.0	5.0	16.0
253	220	UniChem	230	...	5.6	3.2	∞
308	275¼	Unidare	308	...	...	7.0	9.2
45	11¼	Unigroup	45	+1½	...	...	...
1249	989	Unilever	1048	+4	21.3	2.5	14.2
8112¼	6625	Unilever (NV)	7112½	-37¼	...	3.1	10.4
810	513	VSEL	767 †	-4	...	4.7	8.2
9¼	6¼	Verson	9¼	...	...	...	...
145	95¼	Vickers	140	+4	...	1.3	...
367	303	Victaulic	322	-1	...	3.0	15.9
367	283	Vinten	367	+2	...	2.4	17.1
604	427	Vosper Thorny	584	...	15.8	3.4	∞
45	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	...	8.4	11.2
468	410	Wagon Ind	419	-2	...	5.1	16.2
86	71	Walker Greenbk	82	...	3.1	4.7	20.9
258	201	Wassall	250	-1	2.5	1.2	25.2
36¼	22	Watford Wdgwd	36	...	...	...	...
675	582	Weir	603	...	...	2.4	17.0
903	658	Wellcome	721	-1	13.0	2.3	19.9
27¼	22¼	Wellman	23	-½	0.9	4.9	∞
300	260	West Hltcare	256	...	...	1.6	18.9
498	460	Whatman	495	...	9.5	2.4	16.8
353	267	Whessoe	325 †	...	...	3.1	12.6
10¼	4	Whtway	9¼	...	1.0	13.2	...
50	27	Whitecroft	49	...	4.0	...	4.1
8¼	4¼	Widney	7	...	...	...	...
93	44	Wilkes (James)	81	...	3.5	5.4	21.7
365	295¼	Williams Hldg	302	-½	12.5	5.2	15.8
31¼	17	Wilshaw	30¼	...	0.4	1.7	25.1
661	533	Wolseley	623	-7	12.5	2.5	21.6
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	45	...	2.8	...	25.7
59	38	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993¼	1543¼	Alex & Alex	1675	-18¼	...	3.8	...
2275	1787¼	Am Gen	2025	+25	...	3.4	...
47	30	Archer (AJ)	42	-4	4.4	...	20.2
148	118	Bradstock	129	...	5.1	4.9	15.0
1485	1028	Britannic	1480	...	33.5	2.8	...
641	556	Com Union	589	-8	...	5.2	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1570	...	...	1.4	25.9
27	18	FAI	26	...	...	...	...
619¼	546	Gen Accident	576	-7	26.7	5.8	...
195	180	GRE	178	-3	7.0	4.9	14.8
370	295	Heath C E	353	+4	16.0	5.8	∞
195	168	Hogg Gp	193	+3	8.1	5.3	17.5
198	164	HIB Group	196	-2	7.5	4.8	10.8
493	409¼	Legal & Gen	460	-6	...	5.2	27.9
1026	768	Liberty Life	898	+2	...	3.2	15.6
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	435	+2	17.3	5.0	15.6
313	253	Lloyd Thomp	312	...	5.6	2.2	23.0
368	274	Londn & Man	336	...	14.2	5.3	24.7
382	321	Lowndes Lmb	350	...	12.6	4.5	13.9
6743¼	5600	Marsh McLn	5612½	-12½	...	3.0	...
97	76	Oriel	89	...	...	7.0	∞
68	50¼	PWS	61	...	4.0	8.2	8.8
342	282¼	Prudential	318	-5	...	4.2	21.1
1138	800	Refuge	1060	...	31.5	3.7	29.4
319	248	Royal	283 †	-5	...	2.9	...
191	155	Sedgwick	169	-1	6.0	4.0	22.8
261	205	Steel Burrill	246	-3	...	6.7	14.5
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	63	...	8.2	...	6.3
363	307	Sun Alliance	357	-4	14.2	5.0	...
81	50	Trade Indemnity	56	...	...	...	...
288	239	Transatlantic	275	...	12.0	5.5	25.5
773	499	Utd Friendly	718	...	14.5	2.5	31.3
212	171	Willis Corroon	206	-1	...	4.0	44.3
20	13¼	Windsor	17	...	...	...	13.4

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1659	-4	45.0	3.4	∞
280	226¼	Amer Trust	234	-2	4.9	2.6	48.6
363	304	Ang & O'seas	356	-3	6.8	2.4	45.2
136¼	124	BZW Conv	133¼	-¼	7.8	7.3	15.6
161	133¼	Bankers	158¼	-½	3.4	2.7	43.6
298	264	Baring Tribne	280	...	6.4	2.9	44.3
165	131	Berry Starq	165	+5	2.2	1.7	53.6
106¼	96¼	Br Assets	99¼	...	...	5.4	26.4
72	57¼	Br Empire Sec	72	+½	0.8	1.5	73.1
21	14	-do- Wnts	21	...	...	...	...
173	156	Br Inv	167 †	...	4.5	3.4	∞
164	130	Conti Asset	154	...	2.4	1.9	51.2
195	144	Derby Inc	151	...	16.6	13.8	9.1
255	196	-do- Cap	250	...	...	...	...
133¼	90	Drayton Asia	133¼	...	0.7	0.7	...
73	62	-do- Blue Chip	66	...	8.4	15.9	7.3
69	35	-do- Eng Ind	67	...	1.2	2.2	∞
120	84	-do- Far East	118	-2	0.6	0.7	...
116	95	-do- Korea	114 †	-1	0.5	0.6	...
631	577	Dunedin Inc G	579	...	25.4	5.5	28.6
611	513	-do- Wwde	610	-1	9.5	1.9	62.8
270	222	Dundee & Lon	253	+2	12.0	5.7	24.3
51	46	EFM Inc Tst	46	...	4.8	13.6	∞
54	51¼	-do- Div Pf	52¼	...	...	...	...
274	250¼	Edinburgh	264½	-1	8.4	4.0	28.9
169	141	Electric Gen	169	...	3.1	2.3	53.8
97	85	English Scot	96	...	...	...	...
253	205	European Asset	244	...	...	3.1	20.7
102	77	Finsbury 'A'	102	...	3.0	3.7	32.8
280	248	Fleming Amer	266¼	-2½	0.7	0.3	...
206	190¼	-do- Claver	196 †	...	...	3.4	38.6
266	212	Do Contl	249 †	...	2.7	1.4	∞
174	147	-do- Entp	174	...	4.5	3.2	39.1
291	213	-do- F East	280 †	...	1.1	0.5	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	294	...	3.0	1.3	...
117	109¼	-do- Hi Inc	116 †	...	5.8	6.2	∞
222	176	-do- Japan	225	-2	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	259 †	-1	6.7	3.2	∞
251	212	-do- O'seas	249	...	4.0	2.0	59.4
231	203	Foreign & Col	229	-1	3.3	1.8	62.4
210	164	-do- Emrgt	186	...	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	97	...	0.5	0.6	...
276	191	-do- Pacific	276	...	1.9	0.9	...
145	116	-do- Smaller	145	...	...	1.6	∞
233	145	GT Japan	232	-1	...	0.6	...
153	65	Genl Cons Cap	133	...	...	...	...
123¼	96¼	-do- Inc	109	...	...	9.7	11.3
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	127	...	...	...	...
286	184	-do- Oriental	286	+2	0.9	0.4	...
251	207	-do- Strategy	251	+1	...	3.4	34.6
373	340	Greenfriar	369	...	6.3	2.2	55.4
10	5	Gresham House	10	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	50	...	0.5	1.3	79.2
134	126	Inv Cap	128	...	5.1	5.0	25.7
92	77	IAS UK Smllr	89	...	2.8	3.9	24.8
183	156¼	Kleinwort Chrt	172	...	5.0	3.6	33.5
305	276	-do- O'seas	304	...	3.3	2.0	58.0
126	108	-do- Smlr	125	...	4.0	4.0	30.3
695	540	Law Debenture	592	...	18.2	3.9	39.6
175	166	Majedie	175	...	...	3.4	33.9
249	221	Merchants	239	-1	10.6	5.5	...
5093¼	3700	Merrill Lynch	4762¼	-50	...	...	...
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	431	-3	0.7	2.0	∞
126	105	Mrg Grn Inc	119	+1	...	4.8	23.6
37	23	Do Warrants	35	...	...	...	...
42	39	Murray Euro	45	...	0.1	0.4	∞
11	4¼	Do Wts	8¼	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Income	307 †	...	...	4.4	29.3
370	265	-do- Intl	294	-1	17.4	4.8	36.5
319	263	-do- Small	319	+3	4.0	1.6	68.8
403	96¼	-do- S/C Inc	97	...	...	13.7	9.5
98	73	-do- S/C Cap	98	...	...	...	...
3080	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2980	...	...	4.5	...
147¼	142¼	-do- S/C DP	143¼	-½	...	...	...
263	220	-do- Vent	262	+1	...	4.9	20.7
75	56¼	New Frontier	74	...	0.2	0.4	...
85	68	Nthrng Inc	79	...	8.7	11.0	∞
299	249	O'seas Ins Tst	298	-1	2.8	1.2	...
385	285	Pacific Assets	385	...	1.1	0.4	...
290	187	Do Warrants	289	...	...	...	...
8200	7850	Personal Assets	8125	...	...	2.5	48.8
144	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	141 †	-2	1.1	1.0	∞
125	108	River & Merc	113	...	9.2	10.2	11.3
398	350	Robeco	388	...	...	3.4	...
390	346	Rolinco	390	...	...	2.1	...
242	214	St Andrew Inv	241	...	7.5	3.9	32.4
148¼	131	Scot American	144	-½	4.3	3.8	30.4
317	136	Scot Asian	307	...	...	...	...
405	225	do Warrants	405	...	...	...	...
73	63¼	-do- Eastern	71	...	1.5	2.7	46.6
301	183	Scottish	199¼	-1	4.6	2.9	41.4
201	178	-do- Mrge	193¼	-2	4.0	2.6	50.2
86¼	71	-do- Value	82¼	...	...	2.7	58.8
1503	1390	Second Allnce	1468	-1	36.5	3.1	39.4
84¼	74¼	Secs Tst of Scot	83¼	-½	3.5	4.0	27.6
130	109¼	Selective Asset	128	+1	1.2	1.2	46.0
22	14	Sphere Inv	22	...	3.1	17.6	7.1
142	112	TR Far East	141	...	4.5	4.0	30.9
140¼	126	TR City Of Lon	137¼	-½	4.7	4.3	28.8
148	110	TR Pacific	147¼	...	0.3	0.3	...
24¼	17	TR Property	23¼	-½	0.9	4.4	∞
69	47	TR Tech Inv	63	...	1.7	3.5	31.2
177	146	TR Smlr Cos	176	...	3.7	2.6	51.5
315	283	Temple Bar	301	...	13.2	5.5	22.7
91	69	Thrgm Asian F	90	...	0.5	0.7	...
69	54	Throgmorton	66	-½	3.3	4.2	37.8
428	363	Throg Dual Cp	428	+5	...	...	...
197	178	USDC Invest	197	...	4.5	2.9	36.2
112	70¼	Value Inc Tst	99	...	3.6	4.5	24.9
598	542	Whitbread Inv	557 †	+1	16.5	3.7	33.5
195	161	Witan	191¼	...	5.6	3.7	33.5

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	269	Airtours	325	+2	7.2	2.8	11.5
60	42	All Leis	59	...	4.7	...	16.0
329	194	Anglia TV	329	+12	...	3.5	15.2
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	234	...	10.0	5.3	15.1
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
125	90	Border TV▲	122	-1	...	2.8	16.0
16¼	4¼	Brent Walker	11¼	-½	...	...	...
8	2¼	Buckingham Int	8¼	-½	...	...	...
292	120	Campan	131	...	...	11.5	...
197	171	Capital Radio	177	-1	5.2	3.7	20.4
819	718	Carlton Comm	769	-6	17.0	2.8	22.5
200	158	Castle Comm▲	183	...	...	5.8	16.7
1925	1615	Central TV	1925	+7	38.0	2.5	21.0
83	61	Chrysalis	65	...	...	...	...
580	470	Compass Gp	508	+3	...	3.2	15.2
350	222	Eurocamp	213	...	9.7	5.7	8.8
1180	710	Euro Disney	838	-2	...	1.5	...
8	3¼	Euro Leisure	5¼	...	...	...	...
31	18	Ex-Lands	26	-1	...	...	...
390	285	Fairline Boats	285	-15	10.5	5.0	...
378	320	First Leisure	353	...	6.1	2.2	24.4
535	298	GWR Gp▲	510	...	...	1.7	26.0
195	149	Grampian	194	...	6.1	3.9	∞
6	5	Greenwich Comm▲	5	...	...	...	...
56	19	HTV Group	45¼	...	...	...	24.7
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	52 †	...	2.0	4.8	∞
12¼	5¼	Kunick	10¼	-½	...	...	...
394	262	LWT CP	373	...	...	1.6	17.3
475	322	Man Utd	475	...	18.0	5.3	14.8
118	90¼	Owners Abrd	102	-1	3.5	4.3	8.2
66	33	The Pelican Gp	50	...	...	2.1	20.3
130	55	Prism Leisure▲	110	...	...	3.1	12.5
24	16	Quadrant Grp	23	...	...	...	...
318	286	Radio Clyde▲	288 †	...	...	3.7	21.6
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	168	...	...	1.3	22.1
502	431	Scot TV	486	+3	9.9	2.6	23.9
60	41	Southern Radio	42 †	...	0.7	2.4	17.5
219	168	Stanley Leisure	210	...	...	2.5	17.7
10	5¼	Sunleigh▲	10	...	...	...	...
145	135	Sunset & Vine	135	...	3.5	3.2	15.8
420	380	Tanjong	420 #	...	...	0.6	∞
221	150	Thames TV	196	...	2.5	1.6	∞
2¼	1	Ticketing▲	2¼	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	87	-1	...	...	2.8
78	44	Trans World▲	66	...	...	1.5	24.1
455	274	Ulster TV	455	+1	10.0	2.7	14.0
22	13¼	Wembley	17	...	0.2	1.5	...
33	7¼	Whitegate	33	...	...	...	...
187	130	Yorkshire TV	186	...	12.0	8.1	5.6
112	83	Zetters Gp	112	...	8.0	8.9	11.3

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4300	1800	Am Gold	3837½	+50	...	5.4	∞
1400	1018¼	Ang Am Coal	1368¼	...	...	6.8	∞
2050	1125	Ang Am	1850	...	...	3.8	∞
19¼	8¼	Anglo Pac Res▲	19¼	+1	...	...	...
114	33	Blyvoors	97	+2	...	6.3	5.3
41	18	Bracken	28	...	...	...	1.4
710	233	Buffels	550	-7	...	7.2	13.5
2¼	1	Bntle	2	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	592	+11	...	3.5	∞
43¼	11	Cluff Res	30	-1	...	...	...
1181¼	762¼	De Beers	1100	+6¼	...	4.4	14.8
138	37¼	Deelkraal	114	-3	...	5.3	6.2
87	7	Doornfontein	59	-3	...	...	...
867	388	Driefontein	722	+18	...	4.6	13.2
686	120	Durban	598	+18	...	...	...
124	47	E Rand Gold	103	...	...	11.5	2.8
162	62	E Daggs	122	-2	...	...	10.1
270	54	E Rand Prop	222	+1	...	...	...
490	117	Elandsrand	365	+1	...	3.3	8.5
722	292	FS Cons	571	-6	...	9.0	6.7
40	8	FS Dev	26	-1	...	...	...
1500	725	GFSA	1325	+6	...	3.1	20.8
168	125	Gencor	155	+1	...	6.4	12.0
63¼	35¼	GM Kalgoorli	50	-1½	...	2.7	12.4
22¼	5	Greenwich R 'A'	16	-½	...	...	...
145	49	Grootvlei	104	+1	...	10.0	6.1
360	78	Harmony	289	+1	...	...	...
414	87	Hartles	322	-2	...	6.1	∞
14	8¼	Inco▲	11¼	...	...	...	...
1050	491	Impala Plat	942	...	...	...	21.3
13¼	6	Kenmare Res▲	9¼	-½	...	...	...
811	332	Kinross	739	+18	...	6.9	8.1
843	319	Kloof	731	+14	...	2.5	12.3
90	25	Leslie	71	-3	...	6.0	7.0
119	13	Loraine	85	-7	...	...	...
116¼	85¼	MIM	87	-1	...	...	...
1089	820	Minorco	1051	-1	...	2.6	39.6
124¼	91	Nth Bkn Hill	115	...	...	3.6	12.4
1850	610	Orange Free	1497½	...	...	4.3	∞
789	607	RTZ	652 †	-8	...	8.9	11.3
550	425	Rand Mines	518¼	...	...	4.0	24.5
537	150	Randfontein	452	-2	...	11.4	2.4
192	115	Renison	164	+2	...	3.8	6.8
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1137½	...	...	2.7	15.9
585	191	St Helena	447	-1	...	4.0	17.8
1582	475	Southvaal	1404	-13	...	5.4	9.2
88	18	Stilfontein	79	...	...	4.1	24.2
201	58	Unisel	174	...	...	8.1	13.6
4775	1800	Vaal Reefs	3937½	-12½	...	1.8	16.9
500	154	Welkom	382	-3	...	5.6	6.7
205	26	Western Areas	171	-1	...	8.9	11.2
1775	587¼	Western Deep	1525	+21½	...	...	...
263	176	Wstrn Mining	249	+3	...	4.1	7.0
776	323	Winkels	681	-23	...	1.5	5.3
84	56	Zambia Copper	62	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	55	...	...	...	17.5

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	118 †	...	3.0	3.2	∞
116	82	Appleyard	114	...	5.2	5.7	...
280	203	Bletchley Mtr	270	...	...	4.1	13.8
152	120	Bostrom	151	...	6.0	5.0	26.7
429	165	Br Aerospace	303	-7	7.0	2.2	...
328	303	Caffyns	313	...	11.5	4.7	∞
9¼	4¼	Coverdale	8¼	...	...	...	...
137	98	Central Mtr▲	137	+1	...	3.6	34.8
29	18	Cook (DC)▲	26	...	...	...	...
239	156	Cowie (T)	234	-4	6.2	3.3	17.8
110	86	Dag Motors	106	+1	5.7	6.8	10.2
142	102¼	Davnport Vern	139	...	...	3.6	17.6
264	155	ERF	230	...	4.0	...	...
117	92	European Mtr	107	...	...	1.8	...
311	208	Evans Halshaw	310	...	11.2	4.5	47.8
290	226	FR Group	273	...	...	3.3	12.7
3650	2843¼	Ford Motor	3387½	-125	...	...	...
2825	2143¼	General Mtr	2643¼	-18¼	...	1.9	...
58	38	Gowrings	58	...	2.0	4.3	...
166	85	Henlys	165	-1	3.0	2.3	...
875	650	Honda Motor	847	-7	...	0.7	...
38	15	Jacks (Wm)	29	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	92	+1	4.5	6.1	...
150	97	Kwik-Fit	148	-1	...	2.8	26.4
367	281	Lex Service	364	-2	...	3.6	19.9
129	85	Lookers	129	...	6.2	6.1	...
152	128	Lucas	137	...	7.0	6.4	...
274¼	224¼	Pendragon	257	-2	...	3.3	20.8
185	106	Perry Gp	184	-1	6.0	4.1	...
158	108	Quicks Group	158	...	...	1.6	20.2
153	99	Rolls-Royce	149¼	-1½	...	4.2	...
195	163	Trinity Hldgs	195	...	...	3.6	∞
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	145	...	4.0	3.4	22.4
188	121	Westland	198 †	-1	4.2	2.9	16.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	135	...	4.0	3.7	14.4
330	315	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.5	5.2	∞
608	473	Blenheim Gp	473	...	...	2.4	17.6
370	295	Bristol	345 †	...	11.7	4.3	∞
9950	7775	Daily Mail	9950	+221¼	130	1.6	22.3
9950	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9950	+221¼	130	1.6	22.3
305	251	Dorling Kind	286	...	...	1.3	27.3
373	328	EMAP	368	-1	...	2.7	21.9
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1113	...	29.5	3.3	25.1
237	170	Harrington K	226 †	+1	4.5	2.5	18.5
360	233	Haynes Pub	360	...	6.0	2.1	15.5
405	226	Headline	400	...	5.8	1.6	∞
140	105	Home Counts	123	...	6.0	6.1	∞
9¼	3	Intl Bus Comm	8¼	...	...	...	12.3
9	6¼	Int Cm & Data▲	8¼	...	...	...	...
350	240	Independent	350	+30	...	3.6	15.7
540	395	Johnston Press	530	...	6.2	1.4	23.3
288	243	Metal Bulletin	281	...	8.0	3.6	19.8
155	88	Mirror Gp.	150	-1	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	330	+2	...	0.3	22.5
240	169	News Intl	211	...	...	0.8	14.6
472	354	Pearson	464	-3	...	3.2	28.3
668	510	Portsmth Sund	668	...	8.6	1.6	17.2
686	618	Reed Int	653	-1	...	3.3	28.4
148	98	Southnews	146	...	...	1.8	∞
137	90	Sterling Pub▲	137	...	...	2.3	45.2
401	328	Telegraph	394	-1	...	3.5	16.5
825	715	Thomson Corp	765	...	25.4	4.2	∞
377	313	Trinity Intl	375	...	8.7	2.9	22.5
39	34	Unit Group▲	36	...	...	...	...
610	494	Utd Nwspprs	569	...	...	4.2	16.4

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18¼	6¼	Aberdeen Pet▲	17¼	...	...	...	...
39¼	17	Aran Energy	33	+½	...	...	32.1
61	40	Arcon Intl▲	44	...	...	...	...
62	41¼	Ass Oil & Gas	60	-1	...	...	...
70	26	Aviva Pet	68	+2	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	14¼	-½	...	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	180	...	7.1	5.9	4.5
320	276	British Gas	298	-1	14.2	6.0	14.3
326	225	Br Petroleum	307½	+2½	10.5	4.3	48.5
1¼	1	Bula Resources	1¼	...	...	...	...
797	675	Burmah Castl	684	-3	...	4.6	16.0
65	32	Cairn Energy	60	-1	...	...	8.6
268	227	Calor Gp	243	-1	...	6.2	20.2
10¼	3¼	Clyde Pet	5¼	-1¼	...	...	...
35	27	Copiex Res	27¼	-½	...	...	...
27¼	10¼	Edin Oil & Gs▲	20¼	-½	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	465	-9	16.0	4.3	57.4
88	48	Exp Co Louis	48	-7	...	...	...
34¼	18¼	Fairhaven Intl	26	...	...	2.1	9.9
67	45	Goal Pet	63½	-½	1.4	2.8	12.1
44	18	Gt Western Res	43	-1	...	...	...
168	108	Hardy O & G	159	...	1.0	0.8	49.9
46	18¼	Ken Energy	39	-3	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	157	-7	3.3	2.6	31.9
103	61	-do- Units	70	...	...	9.4	19.0
24	14¼	Mid Scot Res▲	18¼	...	...	...	...
47	34	Monument	40¼	...	...	...	4.5
9¼	6	New London	6¼	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	32	...	1.0	3.9	[illegible]
38	27	Oil Search	31	...	...	...	...
14¼	12	Petroz	12¼	...	...	...	...
110	90	Pict Pet	106	-1	...	...	[illegible]
29¼	18	Premier	27¼	-½	...	...	[illegible]
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	[illegible]	...
340	290	Ranger	320	...	...	[illegible]	...
6212¼	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6150	-25	...	5.2	14.4
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4350	[illegible]	...	1.8	...
67	47	Seafield	58	...	...	...	...
630	515	Shell	624	-1	21.9	4.4	19.2
203	182	Sunrise Eng Sv	183	+1	...	...	...
10¼	4¼	Terrena▲	6	...	...	...	[illegible]
41	23	Triton Europe	25	...	...	...	[illegible]
22	6¼	Villers Grp	11¼	...	...	...	...
172	142¼	Woodside	153	+2	...	2.4	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
331	290	API	310	...	7.5	2.9	[illegible]
195	144	Arjo Wiggins	181	-1	...	4.5	[illegible]
505	408	Abbott Mead	503	...	9.2	2.3	[illegible]
1½	¼	Acsis Group	1¼	...	...	...	...
36	13	Aegis Gp	36	+2	1.1	4.4	...
212	155	Aspen Comms	193	...	...	3.2	[illegible]
11	7	BDB Designs▲	11	...	...	...	...
348	230¼	Bemrose	348	...	...	6.2	14.2
33	13	Birkdale	15	-1	0.2	1.9	[illegible]
138	118	Bunzl	125	...	4.0	3.9	29.2
287	251	CIA Gp	270	+1	...	[illegible]	[illegible]
309	93	Capital Inds	298	...	...	1.9	[illegible]
56	44	City of Lon	56	...	...	6.2	∞
234	109	Cropper (James)	234	...	3.1	1.7	∞
6	6	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
84	51	Delyn Packaging	84	+4	1.6	2.7	∞
117	94	Dolphin Pack	109	-2	4.5	5.2	[illegible]
56	42	Dudley Jenkins	55	...	...	...	14.2
15¼	12¼	Elswick	15¼	...	0.4	2.9	∞
73	41	Fairway Group▲	72	-1	...	5.5	[illegible]
325	271	Ferguson Intl	310	...	12.5	5.0	∞
109	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	5.7	[illegible]
114	74	Filofax▲	114	+5	...	4.4	[illegible]
20	14	Fitch	16	...	...	...	...
100	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	87	...	...	[illegible]	[illegible]
295	247	Gold Greenlees	293	+3	...	[illegible]	[illegible]
41	31	Goodhead	36	...	1.5	2.4	...
88	43	Hunterprint	65	...	...	...	...
185	136	Interrange	180	...	7.4	5.2	[illegible]
264	191	Jarvis Porter	249	-2	4.7	2.4	∞
32	15¼	Lopex	32	...	...	...	∞
293	175	More O'Ferrall	282	+1	13.2	[illegible]	∞
90	48	NMC Group	91	...	[illegible]	...	[illegible]
118	66	Osborne & Little	118	...	4.6	[illegible]	∞
517	455	Portals	458	-1	...	[illegible]	[illegible]
266	167	Quarto	265	...	8.1	2.3	[illegible]
347	311	St Ives Gp	311	...	5.2	[illegible]	21.2
185¼	142¼	Saatchi	160	+1	...	...	...
472	331	Sappi	447	...	...	9.2	∞
19¼	11¼	Serif	16¼	...	...	...	...
28¼	14	Shandwick	26¼	+½	...	...	...
354	294	Smith David	348	...	6.5	1.4	[illegible]
256	235	Smurfit (Jeff)	239	-2	...	[illegible]	[illegible]
246	183	Sun-Plas	245	...	8.0	4.1	∞
25¼	16¼	Taylor Nelson	25¼	...	0.5	[illegible]	[illegible]
57	38	VTR▲	57	+1	...	[illegible]	[illegible]
88	40	WPP	87	-1½	...	[illegible]	...
130	62	Wace	130	...	...	[illegible]	...
221	203	Waddington (J)	210	-1	7.0	4.2	[illegible]
705	540	Watmough	705	...	11.5	[illegible]	[illegible]
6¼	4¼	Westporte	6	...	...	...	[illegible]
29	12	Whitney Mcke▲	28	...	...	...	...
67	55	Wood (SW)	72 †	...	1.2	2.2	∞

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
77	41	Allied Lon	75	...	1.5	5.9	[illegible]
61	58	Arcadian	61	...	...	...	...
94	54	Asda	94	...	2.1	2.1	[illegible]
139	88	Avonside	134	...	4.0	3.7	[illegible]
267¼	206	BCT▲	231¼	+12½	...	...	...
602	[illegible]	Bilton	593	-5	18.9	4.2	[illegible]
51	23	Bourne End	51	+1	1.0	2.4	...
213	150	Bradford	192	-1	4.4	[illegible]	17.6
23	12	Bredero	11	...	...	...	1.2
175	146¼	Br Land	163	-8	...	2.9	[illegible]
206	147¼	Brixton	195 †	-6	...	5.4	[illegible]
79	45	Burford	76	...	...	1.9	...
156	99	Cap & Regnl▲	153	...	...	6.9	∞
175	120	Cardiff Prop	175	...	2.4	[illegible]	...
375	196	Chesterfield	375	...	11.0	[illegible]	[illegible]
32	12	City Site Ests	22	...	1.4	...	...
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	20	...	0.3	...	[illegible]
29	10	Clayform	25	-1	...	...	...
50	34	Conrad Rtblat GS	45	-1	...	1.4	...
1128	818	Daejan	1123	...	25.0	2.8	17.5
3¼	1¼	Dares Estates	2¼	...	...	...	...
93	53	Debenham Twsn	93	+1	2.5	1.4	[illegible]
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	76	Dencora	140	...	3.0	2.7	...
498	261	Derwent Hldgs	493	...	8.6	2.2	61.4
252	170	Estates Agency	252	...	3.0	...	25.1
27	7¼	Estates Gen	16	...	...	...	...
84	72	Etonbrook	80	...	2.7	4.4	9.5
171	132	Evans Of Leeds	171	...	4.1	3.0	16.4
27¼	11	Five Oaks	27	...	...	...	...
53	30	Fletcher King	51	...	1.0	2.5	[illegible]
436	285	Frogmore	423	-4	15.0	4.4	23.9
160	97	Grainger	155	-3	5.2	4.2	[illegible]
205	120	Gt Portland	177	-4	...	7.3	15.9
26¼	7¼	Greycoat	22	...	5.2	...	...
145	101	HK Land	141	-3	...	4.5	∞
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	70	...	...	...	...
417	277	Hammerson	365	-5	10.0	3.4	35.1
382	245	-do- 'A'	334	-4	10.0	3.9	32.2
221	127	Helical Bar	218	...	...	2.8	...
30	19	Hemingway	28¼	-½	...	...	...
132	57	Herring Baker	78	-2	3.7	6.0	∞
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
597	435	Land Sec	580	...	22.8	4.9	17.5
99	73	Lon Merch Sec	96	...	3.8	4.9	15.3
4¼	1¼	Lon & Metro	3¼	...	...	...	...
454	324	MEPC	414 †	-8	...	6.2	17.4
9	5	McInerney A	9	...	...	...	...
130	90	McKay Secs	130	...	6.7	...	21.3
7¼	3	Markheath	6¼	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	47	...	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
40	29	Moorfield Est	38	...	...	...	...
1000	775	Mountview	1000	+95	18.0	2.2	10.2
146	112	Mucklow (A&J)	145	...	5.9	5.1	20.4
46	30	Olive Hldgs	41	...	1.5	4.6	...
10¼	4	Ossory Est	4¼	...	0.1	...	1.3
131	88	PSIT	128	-1	3.7	3.7	25.5
211	138	Peel	209	...	3.0	1.8	...
16	8	Power Corp	11	...	...	...	1.2
42	22	Property Trust	33	...	...	...	...
3	1¼	Raglan	2¼	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	23¼	-½	1.5	8.0	4.6
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	∞
37	16	St Modwen Prp	34	...	0.6	2.2	25.9
70	39	Savills	66	+1	...	...	...
82	34	Scot Met	76	-1	1.5	...	...
96	39	Shaftesbury	95	...	...	...	...
14¼	5	Shield	10¼	...	...	...	...
224	139¼	Slough Estates	203	-3	...	5.0	14.2
82	56	Southend Prop	70	...	4.1	7.5	17.3
28	16	Stanhope Prps▲	24	-1	...	...	...
177	115	Tops Ests	175	...	2.0	1.4	44.4
116	79	Town Centre	110	-1	3.1	3.5	20.5
72	43	Trafford Park	65	...	2.5	5.0	17.5
38	8	UK Land	35	-1	...	...	...
9¼	4	Union Square	7¼	-½	...	...	...
243	180	Warner	223	...	10.5	5.9	20.4
202	168	Warnford	201	...	7.5	4.8	∞
8	3¼	Waterglade	7¼	...	...	...	...
67	35	Wates	61	...	0.7	1.6	...
76	40	Wood John D▲	72	-3	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic▲	16	...	...	...	...
153	88	Headlam	153	...	...	2.1	23.7
400	330	Lambert	393	...	13.0	4.2	9.4
100	78	Pittards	78	...	2.0	3.2	22.1
30	20	Strong & Fisher	28	...	1.0	4.5	7.5
157	89	Stylo	156	...	...	2.5	59.5
55	53	UK Safety	54	...	...	23.8	1.8

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
485	408	Allied Text	466	+6	12.6	3.4	19.0
69	54	Beckman (A)	59	...	4.7	...	11.7
33	21	Bolton Gp	30	-1	...	...	15.3
165	141	Br Mohair	158	...	8.5	6.7	∞
30	15	Chartwell▲	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Gs	330	-1	7.2	2.7	30.6
601	522	Courtauld Tex	556	-3	13.6	3.1	19.2
53¼	24¼	Cupid▲	29	-1	...	...	...
248¼	209	Dawson	217½	+5½	9.0	5.2	21.2
30	22	Drummond	23	+1	...	...	...
37¼	27	Dunkeld	30	...	...	...	...
72	65	Faupel▲	70	...	...	8.7	[illegible]
34	15	Foster (John)	24	...	0.5	2.6	...
133	82	Gaskell	118	...	4.2	4.5	∞
186	156	Hicking Pntcst	183	...	4.0	2.8	∞
59	45	Jerome (S)	56	-1	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	354 †	...	12.0	4.3	23.4
506	353¼	Leeds	474	+1	...	1.9	22.1
42	19	Lister	36	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	81	...	4.9	7.6	9.2
180	89	Magellan	157	...	1.4	1.1	...
133	69	Parkland 'A'	132	...	2.0	1.9	...
102½	82	Readicut	93¼	...	3.4	4.6	∞
53	35	SEET	41	-1	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	87	...	5.1	7.4	15.3
67	44	Stirling Gp	67	...	1.6	3.1	24.9
51	42	Stoddard	42	...	2.6	7.8	11.2
312	250	Tomkinsons	295	...	11.5	4.9	25.5
62¼	32¼	West Trust	40	+1	...	7.8	...
417	252	Yorklyde	397	...	10.4	3.3	13.0

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	411	BAT	428	-8	...	5.4	16.1
690	584¼	Rothmans 'B'	628	...	10.2	2.0	14.4

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
434	349	Assoc Br Ports	425	...	...	2.5	...
813	730	BAA	734	...	...	2.8	19.0
312	249	Br Airways	294 †	...	...	4.5	16.1
106	56	Clarkson (H)	98 †	-3	1.5	1.9	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	422	...	...	...	...
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	[illegible]
160	126	Graig	155	...	4.5	4.4	...
188	147	IoM Steam	198	+2	...	5.3	[illegible]
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	33	...	0.5	1.9	...
[illegible]	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	84	...	...	1.5	16.2
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2100	...	4.5	0.3	11.5
399	280	Mersey Docks	343	...	7.5	2.7	22.0
230	181	Natl Express	199	-1	...	4.5	14.1
294	238	NFC	257	-2	6.5	3.2	19.5
302	244	Ocean Group	281	...	...	6.4	23.4
65	40	Ocean Wilson	60 †	...	4.0	8.3	10.9
648	504	P & O Dfd	636	...	...	6.0	34.5
152	127	P & O 5½%	151	+1	...	4.6	...
555	448	Powell Duffryn	546	+1	22.6	5.1	∞
140	117	Seacon▲	135	...	...	4.7	8.5
139	112	Stagecoach	136	-1	...	3.5	17.4
42	24	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
50¼	31¼	TNT	50¼	+1	...	...	...
785	624	Tibbet & Britn	740	...	11.8	2.0	23.4
382	173	Tiphook	324	+1	17.3	6.7	0.4
258	234	TDG	234	...	9.5	5.1	...

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	455	Anglian Water	470	+10	...	5.8	4.3
652	547	Northumbrian	563	-10	...	5.1	5.9
533	431¼	North West	462 †	+9	...	5.8	8.2
533	439	Severn Trent	487	+8	19.3	5.0	7.1
554	454	Sthrn Water	505	+2	19.5	4.8	8.9
1350	1225	Sth Staffs	1285 †	+5	47.0	4.6	∞
569	465	South West	495 †	-1	...	6.1	8.0
563	457¼	Thames Water	471 †	+3	...	5.6	8.9
612	506	Welsh Water	573	+17	21.4	4.7	6.6
649	536	Wessex Water	570	+12	...	4.8	8.7
503	474	Yorkshire W	480 †	+6	...	5.5	8.2

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; ¶ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103	100	Treas 12¼% 1993	100 †	-½	12.50	5.62
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.69
105	101¼	Treas 13¾% 1993	103	-	13.29	5.54
102	101	Treas 8¼% 1994	101	-	8.35	5.64
109	106	Treas 14½% 1994	106¼	...	13.66	5.55
109	106	Exch 13½% 1994	106¼	...	12.66	5.58
105	104	Treas 10% 1994	104¼	...	9.60	5.68
110	107	Exch 12¼% 1994	107	-	11.61	5.77
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	-	8.65	5.90
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	109	...	11.00	6.04
96¼	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96¼	...	3.13	5.33
109¼	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107 ‡	...	9.51	6.24
116	113¼	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	-	11.18	6.38
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117 ‡	-	11.93	6.66
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	121¼	...	12.51	6.77
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	116	...	11.34	6.78
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	109	...	9.13	6.84
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	119 †	...	11.10	7.06
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	111	...	9.45	7.04
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	106	...	8.35	7.05
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	128	...	11.70	7.30
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	109 ‡	...	8.89	7.24
103¼	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	...	7.20	7.08
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98	...	6.83	7.04
129¼	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	129	-	11.12	7.59

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	134	-	11.53	7.46
122¼	118¼	Exch 12% 1998	119	...	10.07	7.62
112¼	108	Treas 9½% 1999	109 †	-	8.71	7.49
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	120	...	10.14	7.72
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	113	...	9.23	7.56
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	113	...	9.06	7.63
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	107	...	8.39	7.60
131	125¼	Treas 13% 2000	126	...	10.25	7.98
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	111	...	8.94	7.91
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	111	...	8.77	8.02
102	97	Treas 8% 2003	100	...	7.96	7.92
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	112	-	8.85	8.11
127	118¼	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118	...	9.68	8.17
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72	...	4.86	7.21
112¼	105¼	Conv 9½% 2004	109	-	8.68	8.20
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	109¼	-	8.68	8.23
131¼	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127	-	9.78	8.42
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	98	-	8.11	8.22
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	122 †	...	9.63	8.37
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	101 ‡	-	8.35	8.29
139¼	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	135	-	9.97	8.43

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
106	101¼	Treas 9% 2008	105	-	8.51	8.33
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	97	-	8.24	8.37
108	100	Conv 9% 2011	105 ‡	-	8.54	8.42
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	105	-	8.55	8.44
76	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74	-	7.39	8.16
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	93	-	8.32	8.45
97	89	Treas 8% 2013	95	-	8.36	8.45
135	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	131	-	9.11	8.47
105	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	102	-	8.52	8.49

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
42	38	War Ln 3½%	41	...	8.52	...
30	27	Treas 2½%	29	...	8.51	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
134	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	134	...	...	1.26
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	196	-	2.10	2.83
169	165	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	168	-	2.45	3.01
166	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165	-	2.95	3.28
163	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162	-	3.04	3.32
111	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	110	-	3.15	3.42
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	168 ‡	-	3.16	3.37
154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152	-	3.32	3.51
159	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158	-	3.38	3.55
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129	-	3.43	3.59
139	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137	-	3.50	3.64
133	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132	-	3.55	3.68
111	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109 ‡	-	3.56	3.67
111	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	110 †	-	3.57	3.69

UNIT TRUST PRICES

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Mastertrust	118.80	127.00	-0.70	.98
International	91.13	96.94	-0.76	.93
Dividend Gth	57.29	60.93	-0.03	4.81
Global Gth Sec	62.08	66.04	...	2.82
Ethical Growth	65.35	69.52	+0.03	2.52
High Inc Equity	149.80	159.10	-0.30	5.00
Worldwide Bond	269.70	286.00	-0.20	3.67
Gilts Fixed Int	128.70	136.40	+0.20	6.03

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070
Dealing: 0800 833580
30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6881

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	42.77	45.14	+0.09	0.69
European	81.41	86.23	-0.32	...
European Inc	77.91	82.71	-0.19	1.81
Exempt	911.90	937.70	-1.30	3.28
Extra Inc	43.83	46.15	-0.08	4.97
F East Emerg Ec	84.55	91.16	+0.10	0.71

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514
Dealing: 0793 610366

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Inc	375.40	404.50	-1.30	4.07
Equity Inc	213.00	227.60	-0.70	4.00
High Yield	234.60	250.70	-0.70	4.08
Balanced	633.80	677.50	-2.00	2.61
American Inc	46.97	50.21	+0.13	3.19
Wld Asset Val	39.63	42.36	-0.31	1.11
Japan	304.20	317.50	-5.50	0.01
Secs of Am	396.90	422.30	+0.70	0.58

AXA EQUITY & LAW
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Acc	313.40	333.50	-1.00	2.72
-do- Inc	222.30	236.40	-0.70	2.72
Higher Inc Acc	573.10	609.70	-0.60	3.67
-do- Inc	348.00	370.30	-0.40	3.67
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	175.20	185.00	...	6.02
-do- Inc	91.80	96.95	-0.04	6.02
Nth America	251.10	267.20	+0.60	...
Far East	299.20	318.30	-5.00	0.19
Europe	224.30	238.70	-2.50	1.01
General Inc	425.90	453.10	-2.10	2.48
-do- Acc	467.10	497.00	-2.30	2.45
Brit Exceil	63.35	67.48	-0.14	2.73
Brit Fndmtls Inc	66.53	70.79	-0.06	4.86
Brit Fndmtls Acc	85.76	91.24	-0.07	4.86
Global Opps	71.01	76.19	-0.61	0.07

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit O seas	249.80	262.90	-1.10	1.35
Capital Gwth	99.82	105.10	...	2.57
Worldwide Opps	148.70	156.50	-1.00	0.62

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	106.00	113.30	...	2.76
Euro Gth Inc	114.30	121.20	-0.70	1.03
Extra Inc	105.90	113.30	+0.10	4.80
General	240.90	257.70	+0.10	2.93
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.46	59.40	+0.05	8.49
Income	487.40	521.30	+0.30	4.45

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	90.60	96.22	+0.31	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	116.50	125.00	+0.50	..
Convertibles	53.52	57.23	+0.16	7.00
Eastern	186.20	200.10	-0.50	1.60
Equity Income	81.50	86.70	+0.20	6.30
European Gth	226.10	240.40	-2.70	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	149.40	159.60	-1.00	1.90
Exempt	83.46	85.66	+0.76	3.60
German Growth	56.34	59.98	-0.28	0.70
Global Growth	107.60	114.70	-0.30	...
Japan Growth	202.60	216.90	-5.00	..
Japan Sunrise	177.20	189.20	-4.40	..
Portfolio	117.20	125.50	-0.60	3.30
-do- Acc	205.90	223.70	-1.00	3.30
UK Growth	83.51	88.83	+0.09	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	87.11	93.16	+0.33	1.90
Select Managers	63.14	67.64	-0.04	2.00

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balan Gth Acc	104.94	112.24	-0.25	1.87
-do- Inc	95.40	102.04	-0.23	1.87
Global Bond	25.96	30.73	+0.01	5.37
High Yield Acc	53.76	57.49	...	3.50
-do- Inc	39.02	41.73	...	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	92.53	98.96	+0.13	1.35
-do- Inc	85.04	90.95	+0.12	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	55.39	59.24	-0.08	..
-do- Inc	54.36	58.14	-0.08	..
Euro Gth Acc	101.03	108.05	-0.78	1.07
-do- Inc	99.64	106.57	-0.77	1.07
Mngd P folio	34.81	37.23	+0.10	1.29
Pacific Growth	103.66	110.87	-1.39	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	86.37	92.38	-0.42	0.67

BROWN SHIPLEY
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Financial	126.40	134.60	-0.30	3.11
Smaller Cos Acc	300.30	321.30	+0.80	...
Smaller Cos Inc	174.70	186.90	+0.50	1.16
High Inc	70.41	75.69	-0.09	6.92
Income	127.80	136.80	...	4.02
Mngd P folio Inc	95.21	101.40	-1.20	1.96
-do- Acc	179.90	191.60	-2.30	...
North American	99.69	106.20	-1.40	0.20
Orient	131.60	141.50	-2.10	...
Recovery	41.65	44.78	-0.15	2.50
German	40.51	43.44	-0.03	0.09
Intl Growth	33.07	35.22	...	0.22
European Inc	22.19	23.89	-0.07	0.47

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542
Dealing: 071 247 7474

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	61.10	65.00	+0.15	1.46
-do- Acc	68.88	73.28	+0.17	1.25
Income Fund 5	213.30	227.00	-0.60	4.08
-do- Acc	496.50	528.20	-1.30	4.14
Inv Portfolio	67.47	69.92	-0.01	2.15
-do- Acc	76.20	78.96	-0.01	2.07
Smaller Cos	128.40	136.60	...	1.55
-do- Acc	154.20	164.10	...	1.52
High Inc P folio	60.63	62.83	-0.14	4.60

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	66.01	66.91	+0.03	5.81

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	135.00	143.70	-0.10	1.70
UK Growth	147.40	156.90	+0.10	2.16
UK Income	122.90	130.80	+0.10	4.15

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
SE Asia	84.52	90.39	-1.38	1.66
Growth	44.13	47.20	-0.14	2.90
Income	54.33	58.11	-0.12	3.48
Far East	48.67	52.33	-0.61	..
North American	82.30	88.59	+0.12	...
Global	84.16	90.01	-0.32	0.74
European	70.43	75.33	-0.35	1.18
Japan	115.50	123.50	-2.80	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	58.94	62.36	-0.01	5.14
UK Cap Gwth	79.57	85.10	-0.36	1.98

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	126.90	135.00	-0.30	0.23
-do- Acc	134.90	143.60	-0.10	0.23
European	65.81	69.72	-0.62	0.77
-do- Acc	68.21	72.26	-0.65	0.77
Far East Gen	67.41	71.72	-2.12	...
-do- Acc	67.41	71.72	-2.12	...
Glenfriars	256.00	272.40	+0.90	0.68
-do- Acc	298.20	306.60	+0.90	0.68
Growth	381.00	407.50	+0.60	2.24
-do- Acc	652.10	697.50	+1.00	2.24
Income Growth	376.90	401.00	-0.30	3.79
-do- Acc	501.20	533.20	-0.40	3.79
Master Portfolio	9423.0	9766.0	-42.00	2.25
-do- Acc	10905.0	11302.0	-48.00	2.25
Special Sits	86.35	91.87	-0.99	2.24
-do- Acc	101.04	107.49	-1.17	2.24
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1196.0	1234.0	+1.00	4.36
-do- Acc	1412.0	1456.0	-1.00	4.36

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Index	189.30	201.70	-0.20	1.64
Capital	532.00	567.70	-2.80	2.39
Eurotrack 100	129.50	137.90	-1.40	1.50
Euro Gth	81.19	86.61	-0.50	1.30
Far East Growth	92.50	98.71	-1.49	0.07
Global Bond	23.74	25.02	-0.02	5.98
Hong Kong	83.76	89.39	-0.71	0.77
Income	501.30	534.90	-0.70	3.89
Intl Growth	74.23	79.22	-0.67	0.98
Japan Growth	278.40	297.10	-8.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	35.92	38.35	-1.15	...
Japan Index	81.21	86.67	-2.57	0.22
Nth American	428.40	457.20	...	0.48
S pore Mly Gth	54.01	57.64	-0.63	...
The Footsie Fd	106.60	112.50	-0.60	2.73
Tiger Index	140.90	150.30	-1.30	0.62
Trixie Index	105.80	112.90	-0.20	2.54
UK Index	124.00	132.30	-0.60	2.94

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American P folio	82.17	87.79	-0.06	1.00
European P folio	72.81	77.57	-0.55	1.38
Japanese P folio	67.65	71.89	-1.59	..
Pacific P folio	100.29	107.84	-1.07	1.11
Cazenove P folio	71.60	76.58	-0.03	3.00
UK Income Gth	63.24	67.86	-0.04	5.00
Utility & Bond	49.82	50.50	+0.14	7.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	599.55	601.80	...	4.95
Fixed Int	153.15	153.90	...	9.42
Deposit	5.65	...	...	...

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	590.99	598.50	...	5.00
-do- Acc	2316.8	2332.7	...	...
Deposit	5.65	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.45	124.64	...	9.31
-do- Acc	166.60	166.90	...	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	62.87	66.18	...	2.28
Beckman Intl	80.46	84.95	...	3.12
Friars Hse Inc	178.61	192.05	...	6.06
Friars Hse Cap	246.16	264.69	...	2.75

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222
Dealing: 081 686 9818

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos	36.06	38.36	+0.03	1.84
-do- Acc	40.62	43.21	+0.04	1.84
Wwide Bd	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	56.94	60.90	-0.65	0.24
-do- Acc	59.32	63.44	-0.67	0.24
Quilter	122.90	130.74	-0.53	2.50
-do- Acc	136.49	145.20	-0.59	2.50
Quilter Income	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.29	92.29	+0.01	5.03
-do- Acc	92.29	92.29	+0.01	5.03
Fixed Conv	40.14	42.70	-0.55	6.81
-do- Acc	106.40	113.19	-1.46	6.81
Preference	47.50	50.53	-0.06	7.18
-do- Acc	243.69	259.24	-0.30	7.18
PPT Europe	148.40	157.87	-1.51	1.07
PPT Mntly Inc Plus	47.05	50.05	-0.10	7.98
PPT Global Bond	84.33	89.64	+0.01	5.53
PPT Gold Com	54.50	57.98	-0.36	...
PPT Oriental Gth	57.38	61.04	-0.35	0.26
PPT Far East Gth	106.65	113.46	-1.67	0.12
PPT High Yield	117.73	125.24	-0.12	4.61
-do- Acc	452.93	481.84	-0.48	4.61
PPT Managed	61.49	65.41	-0.32	3.41
-do- Acc	75.17	79.97	-0.38	3.41
PPT UK General	68.50	72.87	-0.23	2.54
-do- Acc	83.13	88.43	-0.28	2.54
PPT Equity Inc	143.68	152.85	-2.89	3.61
-do- Acc	461.20	490.64	-9.29	3.61
PPT Japan	119.11	126.71	-3.50	...
PPT N Amer	145.47	154.76	+0.04	0.10
PPT UK Gth	117.83	125.35	-0.25	2.05

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Oriental Op Acc	82.83	88.12	-0.22	0.90
Japanese Acc	64.72	68.85	-1.41	...
UK Balncd Inc	126.30	134.40	+0.10	2.50
-do- Acc	149.10	158.60	+0.10	2.50
UK Growth Acc	207.00	220.20	+0.10	2.19
UK High Inc	132.30	140.70	+0.40	6.75
-do- Acc	160.00	170.20	+0.40	6.75
N America Acc	109.20	116.20	+0.30	0.33
European Acc	154.40	164.30	-1.40	0.43
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.44	63.04	+0.04	8.96
-do- Acc	97.49	103.40	+0.10	8.96
Intl Sp Sits Acc	48.17	51.24	-0.49	0.22
Environmntl Opp	71.02	75.55	-0.09	1.73

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	108.40	115.20	...	0.43
UK Smlr Cos	200.40	212.90	...	1.17
Eurofund	37.61	39.81	-0.23	1.00
Mngd Exempt	165.40	172.40	-0.30	3.05
Growth Inc	213.40	226.70	-1.40	3.75
High Dist	140.60	149.40	-0.70	5.19
International	318.60	338.50	-2.60	0.96
Intl Income	80.63	86.07	-0.07	3.02
Pacific	59.09	62.78	-0.05	0.48
Smllr Jap Cos	74.81	79.49	-1.98	..
Tokyo	209.70	222.80	-7.20	..
Japan Exempt	126.30	129.70	+4.80	0.39
Sm Jap Exempt	626.10	643.30	-15.70	0.08
Equity Income	119.80	127.30	-0.80	4.01
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	...	...	...	...
Australia	6.704	7.118	-0.024	1.10
Euro Spec Sits	139.60	147.90	-0.80	0.55
Financial	40.43	42.96	-0.04	2.79
Global Opps Inc	87.79	93.28	-0.19	2.15
-do- Acc	91.00	96.69	-0.19	2.15
Gold Gen Inc	47.09	50.03	-0.11	0.86
-do- Acc	90.38	96.03	-0.20	0.86
Income	119.70	127.20	...	4.01
Japan General	162.50	172.70	-4.40	...
Preference	21.62	22.97	-0.01	7.91
UK Capital	103.30	109.80	-0.60	3.07
Worldwide Cap	196.80	209.10	-1.20	3.07
World Income	83.77	89.01	-0.06	3.34

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance	177.40	186.70	...	1.06

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pelican	104.88	110.40	-0.41	3.15
High Income	119.84	126.15	-0.37	4.76
Tst of Inv Tsts	147.00	154.74	-0.07	1.96
Special Sits	85.98	90.51	-0.50	2.50
North American	101.61	106.96	...	0.83
Far Eastern	290.21	283.38	-0.82	1.48
Intl Growth	93.78	98.72	-0.16	1.41
European	62.83	66.14	-0.60	2.19
Smaller Cos	70.18	73.87	+0.12	2.21

FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 787

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United Charities	219.40	233.40	...	3.34

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	123.20	131.00	-0.20	...
High Income	25.23	26.55	...	5.65

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	92.52	97.89	-0.99	0.76
Far Eastern	138.70	148.20	-2.20	...
Oseas Income	86.63	92.58	-0.02	2.31
UK Growth	94.25	100.80	-0.30	0.96
UK Income	99.67	106.60	-0.90	3.26
US Smaller Cos	242.90	259.80	-2.00	0.08

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Gth	47.87	50.90	+0.01	...
-do- Acc	47.87	50.90	+0.01	...
Am Smllr Co	416.20	445.00	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	425.20	454.70	+0.40	...
Capital	291.70	310.20	+0.50	2.04
-do- Acc	406.20	432.00	+0.60	2.04
Contl Smllr Cos	47.64	51.15	-0.26	0.78
-do- Acc	49.79	53.46	-0.27	0.78
Convertible	116.40	123.70	-0.20	5.91
-do- Acc	215.50	229.00	-0.30	5.91
Emg Mark	51.62	55.14	+0.03	...
-do- Acc	51.62	55.14	+0.03	...
European	95.75	102.20	-0.90	0.95
-do- Acc	99.60	106.30	-0.90	0.95
Extra Income	296.30	315.10	+0.40	3.99
-do- Acc	414.80	441.20	+0.60	3.99
Financial	103.20	110.80	+0.20	0.67
-do- Acc	108.00	116.00	+0.20	0.67
Gilt Gth Tst	60.83	62.74	-0.02	6.94
-do- Acc	78.60	81.06	-0.03	6.94
Health Fund Inc	116.80	124.70	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	116.80	124.70	+0.30	...
Income Tst	179.00	190.40	+0.20	3.88
-do- Acc	253.70	269.80	+0.20	3.88
Intl Growth	314.10	335.80	-1.50	...
-do- Acc	348.80	372.90	-1.70	...
Japan Gen	184.50	197.00	-4.40	...
-do- Acc	186.30	199.00	-4.50	...
Mngd P folio Inc	90.60	95.36	-0.22	0.91
-do- Acc	95.20	100.20	-0.30	0.91
Monthly Income	153.10	162.80	+0.10	3.96
Qtly Inc	48.84	51.95	+0.04	5.88
-do- Acc	48.97	52.08	+0.04	5.88
Recovery	290.50	310.00	-1.50	0.62
-do- Acc	340.20	363.80	-1.70	0.62
UK Growth	46.84	50.04	-0.10	2.59
-do- Acc	46.84	50.04	-0.10	2.59

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH
Dealing: 0722 411411
Administration: 0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	346.97	369.12	+0.13	2.70
-do- Acc	708.52	753.75	+0.29	2.70
Euro Gth Dist	106.38	113.17	-0.41	0.97
-do- Acc	109.57	116.56	-0.42	0.97
Fixed Int Dist	128.34	135.75	+0.06	6.45
-do- Acc	218.34	230.95	+0.11	6.45
Intl Gth Dist	77.01	81.93	-0.52	0.76
-do- Acc	79.95	85.05	-0.54	0.76
Nth Amer Dist	163.53	173.23	-0.65	0.86
-do- Acc	177.35	187.87	-0.69	0.86
Pac Basin Dist	251.43	267.48	-3.26	0.08
-do- Acc	258.40	271.70	-3.31	0.08
Stewardship Dist	301.67	320.93	-0.13	1.73
-do- Acc	359.71	382.67	-0.17	1.73
Stwd Inc Dist	64.41	68.52	+0.06	3.18
-do- Acc	79.67	84.76	+0.07	3.18
N Am Stwd Dist	95.97	102.10	+0.02	...
-do- Acc	101.53	108.01	+0.03	...

GT UNIT MANAGERS
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567. Dlng: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	138.30	148.00	-0.70	...
European	406.90	432.20	-3.60	0.98
Far East General	227.60	243.10	-4.50	0.30
Germany	96.20	102.00	-0.90	0.45
Global Assets In	68.59	73.25	-0.20	2.20
Global Assets Ac	72.53	77.45	-0.22	2.15
Income Inc	123.10	131.70	...	6.66
International	269.30	288.10	-2.70	0.97
Intl Income	74.90	79.79	-0.10	4.99
Japan General	376.90	400.30	-6.50	...
Smllr Cos Div	47.52	50.83	+0.25	5.98
UK Capital Inc	170.10	182.00	+0.70	3.80
-do- Acc	291.10	311.40	+1.20	3.60
UK Spec Sits	77.11	82.47	+0.29	1.54
US General	114.00	121.30	-0.30	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	114.90	122.80	-1.40	0.11

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.00	47.06	-0.26	1.53
Cash Trust	128.97	128.97	+0.01	4.99
Fract Inv Inc	103.25	110.72	+0.01	4.09
-do- Acc	221.65	237.69	+0.01	4.09
UK Smaller Cos	104.57	112.14	+0.01	0.85
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.37	27.13	+0.02	8.00
High Inc	31.64	33.84	+0.06	4.91
UK Equity Inc	128.53	137.47	-0.15	3.92
Global Bond	28.54	30.61	+0.01	4.70
International Funds				
Gold Intl	79.50	85.25	-1.66	0.68
Frontier Markets	41.28	44.27	-0.32	0.50
Global Inc Gth	118.27	126.16	-0.13	1.89
UK Intl	112.01	119.80	-0.57	0.24
Overseas Funds				
American	126.06	134.55	+0.50	0.49
European	81.60	86.62	-0.69	0.61
Euro Sel Opps	98.48	101.91	-0.82	0.89
American Emerg	78.34	84.01	+0.14	...
Hong Kong	118.57	127.15	-0.29	1.82
Japan	231.90	246.27	-6.53	...
Pacific Growth	159.33	170.86	-1.17	0.38

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979
Dealing: 071 888 0026

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	128.05	136.95	+0.69	0.37
American Gth	122.77	131.31	+1.00	...
European Gth	66.94	71.36	+0.28	0.42
Japan Gth	83.08	88.86	+0.07	...
Pacific Inc	147.37	157.62	-0.06	2.85
Pacific Strategy	128.07	136.96	+1.30	0.25
UK Prog Inc	70.67	74.78	+0.60	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.05	49.71	+0.23	2.70
UK Small Cos	46.45	49.68	+1.50	2.12

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	131.30	131.30	...	4.80
Gilt Fixed	119.50	126.90	+0.10	6.16
Growth Equity	286.60	306.10	+0.10	2.17
Guardhill	426.80	455.90	+0.40	2.21
Income Trust	111.10	118.60	+0.50	3.00
International	156.10	166.70	-1.20	0.36
Japan Trust	127.40	136.10	-2.70	...
Nth American	246.10	262.90	-0.50	0.49
Pacific	366.50	391.90	-3.20	...
European	340.80	364.00	-1.20	0.74

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	35.46	37.50	+0.20	1.69
-do- Acc	37.12	39.35	+0.20	1.69
Inc Adv Inc	29.43	31.20	+0.20	4.04
-do- Acc	30.87	32.73	+0.20	4.04

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690300

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Canadian	78.07	83.63	-0.25	1.23
Equity Income	111.60	118.70	+0.10	3.48
European	130.00	137.60	-1.30	1.23
Intl Situation	74.49	79.24	-0.60	...
Japanese	148.00	157.00	-3.30	...
North American	93.91	99.64	-0.32	...
Scandinavian	111.50	117.90	-0.80	0.01
Smaller Cos	30.71	32.87	-0.65	2.02

HENDERSON
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ST
Enq: 0277 264290 Dealing: 0277 234772

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	86.46	92.42	-0.40	...
Asian Enterprise	130.24	140.62	-1.46	0.56
Australian	131.08	140.12	-1.68	1.41
European	367.13	388.71	-3.81	1.30
European Inc	70.73	74.82	-0.32	2.93
Euro Sml Co	119.95	127.88	-0.90	0.55
Extra Income	256.86	273.44	-0.51	4.86
Family of Funds	70.86	75.64	+0.36	1.23
Fixed Interest	54.77	58.57	+0.03	7.64
Global Resour	101.37	108.82	+0.11	0.77
High Inc	290.87	310.94	+0.05	4.27
Income Gth	234.77	250.03	+0.08	3.61
-do- Acc	606.75	646.18	+0.18	3.61
International	227.40	242.23	-1.46	0.94
Japan Spc Sit	248.66	264.55	-7.05	...
Japan	213.26	226.80	-6.10	...
N Amer	214.43	228.25	-0.02	0.25
Pacific Smllr Cos	194.08	210.25	-3.85	0.27
Pref Gilt	45.88	49.54	-0.01	8.52
Smaller Cos Div	168.68	183.86	+0.28	3.73
Special Sits	260.74	278.99	-0.39	1.71
-do- Acc	401.77	429.89	-0.62	1.71
Best of British	55.14	59.00	-0.15	2.59
Spirit of the East	60.78	64.93	-0.82	1.36
Henderson TR				
Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	77.31	82.68	-0.23	...
Euro Spec Sits	45.80	48.69	-0.12	...
-do- Acc	48.50	51.55	-0.13	...
Far East Opps	32.58	35.24	-0.15	...
-do- Acc	33.63	36.37	-0.16	...
General Growth	98.31	105.24	-0.25	2.00
Global Tech	120.55	130.57	...	...
Income Growth	102.64	110.38	-0.15	3.39
Income Monthly	56.95	60.90	+0.04	4.25
Japan Growth	88.53	90.96	-1.95	...
Overseas Gth	76.14	81.00	-0.24	...
Smaller Cos	75.11	80.76	+0.13	1.53
Special Opps	104.02	111.85	-0.25	2.09
Wld Spec Sits	49.22	52.67	-0.15	...
-do- Acc	49.33	52.79	-0.15	..

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	86.38	92.38	-0.16	2.27
Capital	154.60	165.10	-0.60	1.90
Dollar	298.90	319.60	-0.20	0.03
European	198.00	211.70	-1.80	0.63
Far East	237.50	254.00	-0.80	0.27
Financial	694.50	742.70	-0.50	1.98
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.55	26.54	+0.01	7.84
High Yield	99.58	106.50	...	4.60
Income	132.90	142.10	-0.10	3.47
Intl	212.90	227.70	-1.20	0.31
Japan Tech	73.12	78.20	-2.39	...
Nat Resources	58.10	62.13	-0.01	0.48
Security	294.40	314.80	-0.90	1.97
Smaller Cos	110.60	118.20	+0.30	1.26
Special Sits	136.50	145.90	-0.30	1.62
US Smaller Cos	66.16	70.75	+0.69	...

INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.14	27.50	+0.06	1.51
Special Features	26.97	28.65	-0.05	1.63
-do- Acc	31.85	33.84	-0.05	1.63
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.92	56.61	-0.12	1.89
Assets Earnings	70.46	74.86	-0.15	1.90
do Acc	82.80	87.97	-0.18	1.90
Managed Invest	87.36	93.25	-0.80	1.18
Rupert Children	74.84	79.85	-0.26	1.82
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.68	50.68	...	4.41
Extra Inc	78.84	84.29	-0.12	4.82
Gilt	27.83	29.32	+0.02	6.73
Income Gth	38.53	41.16	+0.03	3.42
MIMstar	72.72	77.38	+0.20	7.93
Preference	17.54	19.23	...	6.23
UK Income	307.60	328.70	+0.10	2.92
Sector Specialist Funds				
Find Sec	56.46	59.98	-0.01	1.26
Property Shares	63.54	68.47	-0.88	1.73
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	142.60	149.90	-0.20	3.73
European Acc	110.90	117.40	-1.30	1.79
European Dist	105.60	111.80	-1.20	1.78
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.58	50.62	-0.18	0.92
European Perf	109.60	116.30	-1.00	1.04
-do- Acc	111.70	118.50	-1.00	1.04
Euro Small Cos	21.12	22.47	-0.17	0.74
French Growth	64.78	68.92	-0.59	0.53
-do- Acc	69.21	73.63	-0.62	0.53
Hong K/China	72.96	78.39	-0.20	1.59
Ind Growth	51.56	54.78	-0.37	0.64
-do- Acc	51.56	54.78	-0.37	0.64
Japan Perf	35.84	38.07	-1.16	...
Accum Units	35.84	38.07	-1.16	...
Japan Smllr Cos	38.36	40.79	-1.05	...
Singapore Asean	81.32	87.97	-1.13	0.28
-do- Acc	81.82	88.52	-1.13	0.28
South East Asia	237.50	255.60	-1.50	0.93
US Smllr Cos	100.40	106.60	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	101.50	107.80	-0.30	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	82.63	88.01	-0.62	2.21
Intl Bond	57.09	57.86	-0.01	6.29

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc	69.55	69.89	+0.01	5.00
Extra Income	51.00	54.28	-0.04	7.12
Gilt Yield	116.70	123.10	...	7.34
Global Income	195.80	208.30	-0.64	4.21
High Yield	133.10	141.60	-0.85	5.84
Smllr Cos Div	48.02	51.00	-0.04	4.11
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	86.87	92.41	-0.02	...
North American	73.29	77.97	+0.01	0.43
European	130.80	139.10	-1.10	0.84
Euro Special	76.84	81.74	-0.62	0.94
General	261.60	278.30	-1.30	3.21
Japan	444.30	472.60	-10.40	...
Japanese Special	248.20	264.10	-5.40	...
Master Acc	214.30	228.00	-0.80	1.56
Pacific	267.10	284.10	-3.00	0.57
Smaller Cos	98.54	104.80	+0.31	1.60
UK Equity Gth	36.09	38.39	-0.15	1.69

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	72.82	77.47	-0.56	1.03
Extra Income	23.87	25.39	+0.01	3.25
Far East	27.58	29.34	-0.33	0.57
Income Gwth	72.35	76.97	+0.08	2.77
Intl Growth	51.35	54.63	-0.35	0.68
Japan	66.70	70.96	-1.05	...
Maximum Dist	100.10	102.10	+0.10	6.91
N Amer Equity	37.48	39.87	-0.04	0.22
UK Equity	86.27	91.78	+0.01	2.98

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	53.17	56.56	-0.39	4.42

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	422.80	449.80	-0.90	2.88
Equity Acc	802.50	853.70	-1.80	2.88
Equity Income	91.09	96.90	+0.02	5.10
European	94.64	100.70	-0.90	1.70
Far Eastern	185.40	197.20	-3.20	0.29
Fixed Interest	51.25	54.52	+0.03	6.40
Gilt	89.73	95.15	+0.04	6.46
Global Growth	65.87	70.07	-0.55	0.74
Intl Bond	56.15	59.73	-0.02	4.75
Japanese	72.79	77.44	-1.99	...
Overseas Equity	94.61	100.60	-0.70	0.79
Pacific Gth	86.65	92.18	-0.51	1.22

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	310.30	330.20	-0.20	2.88
-do- Acc	681.70	725.30	-0.30	2.88
Contl Euro Gth	50.13	52.77	-0.67	1.47
-do- Acc	53.02	55.82	-0.69	1.47
Extra Inc	237.50	252.70	-0.10	3.84
-do- Acc	587.40	624.90	-0.10	3.84
German Gth	100.50	106.90	-0.50	0.28
-do- Acc	105.40	111.00	-0.50	0.28
Growth Port	486.90	518.00	-1.00	0.96
-do- Acc	486.90	518.00	-1.00	0.96
Income	446.60	475.20	+0.70	3.54
-do- Acc	1145.0	1219.0	+21.00	3.54
Income Port	485.30	516.30	+0.10	4.20
-do- Acc	490.00	521.30	...	4.20
Japan Growth	99.33	105.70	-3.50	0.01
-do- Acc	99.68	106.10	-3.50	0.01
Master Trust	51.78	55.09	-0.07	1.44
-do- Acc	56.31	59.91	-0.08	1.44
N American Gen	178.10	189.50	+0.30	0.01
-do- Acc	205.70	218.90	+0.40	0.01
NAm Sml Co Rec	135.00	143.70	-2.20	0.01
-do- Acc	137.80	146.60	-2.30	0.01
Pacific Basin	205.00	218.10	-3.60	0.50
-do- Acc	216.70	230.60	-3.60	0.50
Small Cos Rec	304.60	320.70	-0.30	2.17
-do- Acc	396.60	417.90	-0.90	2.17
UK Growth	77.27	82.21	-1.23	2.34
-do- Acc	90.10	95.86	-1.44	2.34
Worldwide Gth	275.70	293.30	-2.80	0.18
-do- Acc	406.50	432.50	-3.60	0.18

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	76.77	82.37	-0.07	2.80
Income	60.05	64.43	+0.05	5.30
International	56.56	60.69	-0.41	0.70
American	57.81	62.03	-0.13	0.30
Japan	55.53	59.58	-1.47	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	56.46	60.58	+0.23	1.80

M & G SECURITIES LTD
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gen	378.20	399.30	+1.40	0.90
-do- Acc	466.60	492.70	+1.70	0.90
American Ret	401.80	424.90	-0.40	0.28
-do- Acc	460.40	486.80	-0.40	0.28
Am Sm Co Acc	116.60	123.40	+0.20	...
Australia Acc	151.20	159.90	-1.30	1.19
Capital	666.50	704.80	+0.70	2.43
-do- Acc	735.40	777.70	+0.80	2.43
Commodity Acc	421.10	445.20	-1.20	0.81
Compnd Gth	814.70	861.60	-1.90	2.86
Dividend	35.20	37.20	+0.10	4.09
-do- Acc	139.40	147.40	+0.50	4.09
Equity Inc	301.40	318.70	+0.90	4.69
European Div	59.60	63.00	...	4.26
-do- Acc	67.40	71.20	...	4.26
European Gen	383.90	406.00	-1.90	1.15
-do- Acc	479.60	507.20	-2.40	1.15
Extra Yield	377.20	398.90	+1.60	4.28
-do- Acc	1102.9	1166.3	+4.70	4.28
Far Eastern	303.70	321.20	-2.80	0.61
-do- Acc	399.50	422.50	-3.70	0.61
Fund of Inv	503.10	532.00	+2.80	2.15
-do- Acc	917.70	970.40	+5.10	2.15
General	53.80	56.90	+0.20	3.52
-do- Acc	141.60	150.00	+0.60	3.52
Gilt Fxd Int	61.10	61.10	...	7.74
do Acc	153.40	153.70	+0.10	7.74
Gold	49.90	52.80	-0.50	1.03
-do- Acc	58.40	61.80	-0.60	1.03
High Inc	24.70	26.10	+0.10	4.47
-do- Acc	93.50	99.00	+0.30	4.47
Intl Growth	68.10	72.00	-0.30	0.87
-do- Acc	117.40	124.20	-0.40	0.87
Intl Inc	92.50	97.80	+0.10	4.56
Japan Gen Acc	51.60	54.60	-1.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	155.30	164.30	-3.40	...
Midland	55.50	58.70	+0.10	3.22
-do- Acc	177.60	187.90	+0.30	3.22
Recovery	36.80	38.90	...	2.59
-do- Acc	57.90	61.20	+0.10	2.59
Second Gen	61.90	65.50	+0.30	3.38
-do- Acc	151.40	160.20	+0.60	3.38
Smaller Cos	60.50	64.00	...	3.03
-do- Acc	114.60	121.30	...	3.03
Trustee	39.00	41.20	+0.20	3.79
Charibond 3	£110.47	...	+0.20	9.76
Charifund 2	632.10	638.50	+2.60	5.12
Pension ex 1	824.60	845.20	+4.20	4.31
NAACIF Inc 3	£45.36	...	+0.30	7.84
-do- Acc 3	£1098.3	...	+4.50	7.84

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 400, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	135.90	145.30	-0.34	2.00
-do- Acc	150.90	161.40	-0.34	2.00
UK Income	112.70	120.60	-0.17	2.63
-do- Acc	127.40	136.30	-0.17	2.63

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	81.71	87.38	+0.23	0.78
Far East (Pacific)	136.10	144.40	-1.50	0.64
Income Growth	70.76	75.11	+0.20	3.10
European	66.47	70.56	-0.73	1.28
Nth American	54.93	58.31	+0.18	1.04
UK Growth	75.96	80.63	+0.20	1.60
Intl Growth	94.39	100.20	-0.60	0.65
Charities	106.50	113.00	+0.30	3.76
Intl Income	66.80	70.91	+0.12	4.25
Japan	54.33	57.67	-1.09	...

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	180.70	192.00	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	193.20	205.30	-0.20	...
Cash	100.70	100.70	...	5.57
-do- Acc	129.60	129.60	...	5.57
European Gth	190.10	201.40	-2.10	0.79
-do- Acc	203.50	215.70	-2.20	0.79
General	459.20	489.90	+1.00	2.47
-do- Acc	873.50	931.80	+1.80	2.47
Global Dis	130.30	137.00	-0.10	5.33
-do- Acc	143.80	151.30	-0.20	5.33
Income	135.10	144.20	-0.40	4.73
-do- Acc	199.40	212.70	-0.60	4.73
International	380.90	405.90	-2.30	0.69
-do- Acc	506.60	539.80	-3.00	0.69
Japan	187.80	199.20	-4.70	...
-do- Acc	192.20	204.90	-4.80	...
New Europe	138.30	147.60	-0.50	1.76
-do- Acc	140.60	150.00	-0.60	1.76
Recovery	291.80	311.20	-0.20	2.88
-do- Acc	368.80	393.40	-0.10	2.88
European Inc	73.66	78.18	-0.19	3.12
-do- Acc	93.45	99.18	-0.24	3.12
Brit Blue Chip	71.57	76.25	+0.11	3.30
-do- Acc	84.41	89.93	+0.13	3.30
Portfolio	73.39	77.98	-0.07	2.90
-do- Acc	83.34	88.67	-0.08	2.90
Gold General	109.70	118.00	-3.30	0.79
-do- Acc	111.20	119.60	-3.30	0.79
Pacific	92.88	99.18	-0.58	0.84
-do- Acc	98.25	104.80	-0.60	0.84
UK Smaller Cos	52.85	56.38	+0.02	1.93
-do- Acc	58.98	62.92	+0.03	1.93

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
112 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD
Dealing: 0742 520 280 Enquiries: 0742 529 070

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Dist	56.77	60.72	-0.13	2.92
-do- Acc	57.65	61.66	-0.13	2.92
British Dist	76.29	81.59	-0.24	2.05
-do- Acc	86.36	92.36	-0.27	2.05
European Gth	166.70	178.20	-1.80	0.48
-do- Acc	209.30	223.70	-2.30	0.48
Extra High Inc	68.04	72.77	+0.01	6.11
-do- Acc	119.70	128.00	+0.10	6.11
FT-SE 100 Index	48.20	51.55	-0.17	2.71
-do- Acc	48.20	51.55	-0.17	2.71
Gilt Fixed Int	55.08	57.34	+0.02	6.87
-do- Acc	147.00	153.00	...	6.87
High Yield	214.30	229.20	...	4.79
-do- Acc	503.00	538.00	-0.20	4.79
Income	276.70	295.90	-0.50	3.38
-do- Acc	575.10	615.10	-1.00	3.38
Japan Gth	349.80	374.10	-9.30	...
-do- Acc	369.20	394.90	-9.80	...
Mandarin Acc	97.52	104.30	-1.20	0.71
North American	159.80	170.90	-0.80	0.45
-do- Acc	201.70	215.70	-1.00	0.45

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealing: 071 826 0826
Enquiries: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	255.40	272.00	-0.70	...
Deposit Inc	99.96	99.96	+0.01	4.75
Deposit Acc	122.63	122.63	+0.01	4.75
Euro Gth Acc	277.80	297.00	+0.30	...
Europa	124.00	132.80	+0.10	...
Intl Gth	166.50	180.30	-1.20	...
Japan Tracker	79.19	83.00	-2.02	...
UK Equity Inc	146.30	157.50	+0.20	4.17
-do- Acc	179.40	193.10	+0.20	4.17
UK Ind Tracker	142.20	152.30	...	3.17
US Eq Ind Trkr	187.00	198.40	-0.20	1.46
-do- Acc	197.80	209.00	-0.20	1.46
Asian Trader	160.10	173.40	-1.30	0.46

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Inc	160.80	164.90	-0.10	2.32
European	60.28	61.63	-0.58	1.59
Olympiad	54.36	55.72	-0.24	0.33
Global Bond	46.97	47.48	+0.09	6.66
Smaller Cos	66.83	69.78	+0.12	0.91
Equity Income	90.35	92.83	+0.09	5.21
UK Growth	81.81	84.25	+0.16	2.12

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Hilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222
Dealing: 0705 387730

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Acc	45.09	48.09	-0.12	1.02
Australian Acc	283.60	304.20	-1.50	...
Conscience	61.78	65.93	-0.15	1.08
-do- Acc	66.68	71.16	-0.15	1.08
European	164.90	175.80	-1.80	1.10
-do- Acc	177.40	189.20	-1.80	1.10
Extra Income	71.37	76.16	-0.21	5.83
-do- Acc	108.70	116	-0.30	5.83
Far East Gth	168.30	179.90	-0.20	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.86	61.24	+0.02	6.34
Gold	40.53	43.57	-0.48	...
-do- Acc	43.64	46.92	-0.52	...
Income	50.77	54.26	-0.11	5.18
-do- Acc	155.70	166	-0.40	5.18
International	29.12	31.34	-0.35	1.06
-do- Acc	41.83	44.88	-0.51	1.06
Jap Sm Cos Acc	349.70	373	-7.60	...
S pore Mly Acc	182.50	195.70	-6.50	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.90	26.77	-0.01	2.05
Special Sits	31.94	34.34	-0.14	1.81
-do- Acc	36.79	39.55	-0.15	1.81
Tokyo	87.24	93.05	-2.41	...
-do- Acc	88.12	93.99	-2.43	...

N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5522

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	67.30	71.70	-0.12	2.75
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.40	77.68	+0.03	6.68
N&P Higher Inc	190.80	203.00	-0.10	4.58
N&P UK Income	99.54	105.90	+0.01	3.89
N&P Intl	85.35	90.80	-0.98	1.60
N&P Smaller Cos	76.74	81.64	+3.02	1.46

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	162.70	173.09	+0.15	2.53
Global	283.95	302.08	+1.09	1.14
Growth	107.57	114.44	+0.10	2.55
Income	199.69	212.44	+0.09	4.40
Intl Bond	126.18	133.99	+0.52	6.49

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 580, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	135.70	142.80	...	2.59
-do- Acc	240.50	253.10	...	2.59
Income	216.50	230.20	+0.10	3.58
Intl Equity	221.40	235.50	-1.20	0.88
-do- Acc	242.40	257.80	-1.40	0.88
Equity	213.20	226.70	+0.10	2.47
-do- Acc	437.50	465.40	+0.30	2.47
UK Intl 25 Acc	68.71	73.09	+0.03	1.97
UK Income	60.04	63.87	+0.08	3.05
UK Smllr Co Acc	74.06	78.78	+0.10	1.43
New Europe Acc	60.58	64.45	-0.50	1.37

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST MGMT
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Asian Smllr Mkt	93.63	102.14	-1.74	0.20
PEP Gth Inc	100.33	107.31	-0.30	1.22
Intl Gth	479.47	512.81	-4.98	0.63
Income	298.25	318.99	-0.86	3.46
W wide Recov	307.26	328.63	-1.44	0.27
American Gth	198.49	212.59	+3.26	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	184.34	197.16	+0.24	0.08
Far East Gth	217.04	232.13	-2.12	0.07
European Gth	110.42	118.10	-0.58	1.28
UK Growth	75.88	81.16	-0.01	3.00
High Income	83.14	88.92	+0.14	4.52
Japanese Gth	222.16	236.28	-4.36	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International	171.90	182.90	-1.10	0.86
High Income	107.50	114.40	+1.30	3.74
Conv Gilt	108.60	115.60	-0.30	6.18
Far East	307.70	327.30	-2.80	0.27
Global Inc Acc	31.09	33.07	-0.03	3.15

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	49.74	52.91	-0.08	0.21
Emerging Mkts	82.95	86.97	-2.13	0.57
General	46.65	49.63	-0.16	3.24
International	82.16	87.40	-1.76	1.38
Gilt Units	25.15	25.93	...	7.43
Global PEP	34.55	36.76	-0.29	2.11
Income Gth	64.42	68.53	-0.28	4.78
European	41.66	44.32	-0.33	0.68
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.04	26.64	+0.02	5.87

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4480
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4394
Pricebank: 0426 925891

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pru Mngd Tst	31.02	33.17	-0.13	1.87
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.22	101.22	+0.01	5.16
-do- Acc	105.35	105.35	+0.02	5.16
Pru Equity	649.46	694.60	-0.83	2.49
Pru Equity Inc	77.25	82.61	+0.17	4.65
Pru European	169.43	181.20	-1.53	1.25
Pru Global Gth	78.71	84.18	-0.34	1.28
Pru High Inc	82.99	88.39	+0.19	4.99
Pru Intl	160.10	171.22	-1.25	0.99
Pru Intl Sm Co	68.66	73.43	-0.61	0.65
Pru Japanese	204.94	219.18	-4.57	...
Pru Nth Amer	136.35	145.82	-0.15	0.86
Pru Pacific Mkr	76.00	81.28	-0.35	1.34
Pru Premr Inc	48.87	50.89	+0.06	7.52
Pru Smllr Cos	82.22	87.93	+0.17	1.97
Pru Spec Sits	97.46	104.23	-0.15	2.31
Pru UK Growth	108.69	116.24	-0.19	2.33

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR
Dealing: 071 634 2981/4

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
NC Income	150.74	162.44	+0.25	3.62
NC Japan	280.33	300.36	-8.09	...
NC Mid UK Cos	90.89	97.78	+0.19	2.53
NC America Inc	463.38	497.22	-0.13	0.76
-do- Acc	538.21	577.52	-0.15	0.76
NC Smlr UK Cos	266.64	290.67	+0.35	1.50
NC European	248.83	265.86	-1.85	1.40

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	70.00	74.40	-0.35	3.79
Capital Units	143.10	152.20	...	1.29
Commodity	99.23	105.50	-1.60	1.34
European Gth	151.70	161.30	-0.80	1.32
Financial Sec	171.10	182.00	+1.50	1.85
High Return	214.50	228.10	+1.10	4.39
High Yield	202.90	215.80	+1.10	4.05
Income Units	108.40	115.30	+0.30	4.96
Investment	175.50	186.70	+0.80	1.11
Japan Gth	158.60	168.70	-3.70	...
Japan Smaller	192.20	204.40	-4.50	...
Masterfund	46.16	49.10	-0.30	1.30
Scotbits	249.80	265.70	+1.80	1.55
Scotshares	258.80	275.30	-2.90	2.24
Scotyields	221.80	235.90	+0.90	3.92
Select Intl	127.30	135.20	-1.00	0.42
Smaller Cos	228.60	243.10	+0.30	3.96
Special Situation	109.40	116.30	-0.10	0.83
UK Equity	223.50	237.70	+0.80	2.67
US Growth	134.30	142.80	-0.40	0.40

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Hse: 0800 526 535. Broker Hse: 0800 526 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	229.45	244.74	+1.03	0.51
-do- Acc	248.60	265.17	+1.12	0.51
Australian	122.04	130.17	-0.24	0.92
-do- Acc	143.47	153.04	-0.27	0.92
UK Enterprise	210.42	224.44	-0.80	2.36
-do- Acc	243.07	259.22	-0.93	2.36
European Gth	60.29	64.10	-0.35	1.51
-do- Acc	62.62	66.58	-0.36	1.51
Euro Smllr Cos	55.40	58.99	-0.26	0.43
-do- Acc	55.78	59.39	-0.26	0.43
Far Eastern Gth	71.86	76.65	-1.09	...
-do- Acc	73.03	77.89	-1.11	...
Fixed Interest	52.72	55.59	+0.03	6.95
-do- Acc	64.03	67.50	+0.03	6.95
Gilt Income	102.19	107.68	+0.04	7.63
-do- Acc	142.73	150.39	+0.01	7.63
Income	313.61	334.51	-1.23	3.89
-do- Acc	925.04	986.72	-3.63	3.89
Japan Enterprise	69.72	74.36	-2.10	...
-do- Acc	69.72	74.36	-2.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	491.20	524.05	-11.08	...
-do- Acc	492.28	525.10	-11.09	...
Pacific Gth	95.59	101.96	-0.80	0.07
-do- Acc	98.43	104.98	-0.83	0.07
Smaller Cos	188.78	201.36	-0.23	0.89
-do- Acc	218.14	232.68	-0.26	0.89
Tokyo	109.82	117.14	-2.61	...
-do- Acc	110.93	118.33	-2.63	...
UK Equity	208.24	222.12	-1.08	2.65
-do- Acc	385.64	411.34	-2.00	2.65
US Smllr Cos	130.76	139.47	+0.78	...
-do- Acc	130.76	139.47	+0.78	...
World Fd	70.20	74.87	-0.36	1.46
-do- Acc	74.01	78.93	-0.38	1.46

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	46.18	49.18	-0.31	3.72
Equity Strategy	63.86	68.01	+0.12	1.02
European Opps	70.57	75.16	-0.57	1.01
Maximum Inc	94.20	101.76	+0.02	0.46
UK Smaller Cos	53.79	57.29	+0.30	1.02

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	341.20	364.30	-1.20	2.77
American	237.00	251.50	-0.70	0.94
Pacific	334.20	357.40	-6.10	0.62
European	443.40	474.20	-4.30	1.25
Worldwide	78.89	84.37	-0.63	1.07

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	300.30	319.40	...	2.69
UK Sm Cos Eqy	206.40	219.60	+0.30	1.60
European	137.40	148.30	-2.30	1.72
North American	244.50	260.20	-0.20	0.49
Income Plus Inc	66.28	69.45	-0.08	3.60
UK Spec Sits	66.60	70.82	+0.10	2.63

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	35.37	37.15	+0.03	3.84
Intl Growth Acc	30.08	31.12	-0.23	1.01
Market Ldrs Acc	25.95	27.78	+0.08	2.93

FOR SOTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	107.24	...	-0.66	...
Global Bond	99.07	...	+0.14	7.50
Japan Samurai	108.30	...	-3.00	...
UK Growth	108.64	...	-0.51	4.14

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	44.15	46.91	+0.20	1.09
Equity Gth Acc	59.82	63.56	+0.30	1.54
UK Eq General	41.74	44.35	+0.20	2.20
-do- Acc	55.11	58.56	+0.40	2.20
European Acc	41.25	43.83	-0.10	1.28
Far East Acc	56.42	59.96	...	0.18
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.11	31.85	+0.10	6.65
N American Acc	42.10	44.80	...	0.78
O/S Lgr Cos Acc	280.40	304.50	+0.30	1.46
UK Eq High Inc	35.12	37.32	+0.20	3.90
-do- Acc	41.71	44.32	+0.40	3.90
UK Lgr Cos Inc	287.20	311.70	+2.10	3.81
UK Lgr Cos Acc	374.00	405.80	+2.70	3.81

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A	N253.69	N253.93	...	1.21
US Eq	$2.054	$2.181	...	0.80
Far East Eq	Y246.5	Y261.8	...	...
Japan Eq	Y250.3	Y265.9	...	...
FT Europe	111.70	116.60	...	2.19
FT North Am	$1.704	$1.806	...	1.00
FT Japan	Y245.2	Y260.5	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.925	$2.044	...	1.69

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	326.80	348.30	-1.70	0.32
British	930.90	984.90	+1.10	4.18
European	389.60	414.90	-1.00	1.40
Japan	148.80	158.00	-3.50	...
New Pacific	290.50	309.40	-1.00	1.30
Mngd Cash	98.08	98.08	...	5.00
Majority Stlg	100.27	101.28	+0.01	4.76
Inv Tst	189.10	200.40	+0.10	1.79
Saltire PPP	360.80	379.80	...	...

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690399

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	717.00	766.80	-1.50	3.24
N America Acc	112.20	120.00	+0.20	0.21
Far East Acc	123.50	132.10	-2.70	...
W wide Bond	60.30	64.01	-0.05	5.42
European	82.10	87.91	-0.52	0.83
Equity Income	80.09	85.66	-1.00	4.33

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ
Dealing: 0256 841414

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	33.36	35.68	-0.10	0.61
Managed Assets	117.90	126.10	-0.25	3.44
UK Income	35.91	38.41	-0.08	7.14
UK Growth	36.08	38.59	-0.03	2.31
Worldwide Gth	30.87	33.02	-0.24	0.37

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	200.90	213.72	-0.84	0.14
-do- Acc	220.66	234.74	-0.93	0.14
British Gth	84.20	89.57	-0.84	1.94
-do- Acc	99.07	105.39	-0.99	1.94
European	92.14	98.02	+0.48	1.14
-do- Acc	97.19	103.39	+0.50	1.14
Extra Inc	186.08	196.87	+1.80	3.96
-do- Acc	295.22	314.06	+2.87	3.96
General Unit	261.56	278.26	-2.93	2.47
-do- Acc	516.13	549.07	-5.77	2.47
Income	316.43	336.63	+0.25	3.62
-do- Acc	657.58	699.55	+0.52	3.62
International	475.97	506.35	-5.72	0.46
-do- Acc	623.09	662.86	-7.49	0.46
Pacific	338.31	359.90	-6.27	...
-do- Acc	355.38	378.06	-6.59	...
Premier Income	50.46	52.56	+0.05	6.61
-do- Acc	105.19	109.57	+0.10	6.61
Nat Resources	113.01	120.22	-2.80	0.10
-do- Acc	124.02	131.94	-3.07	0.10
Selected Opps	96.72	102.89	-1.30	1.16
-do- Acc	121.09	128.82	-1.63	1.16

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Sml Cos	78.83	84.08	+0.58	...
-do- Acc	81.30	86.72	+0.60	...
European Opps	59.92	63.80	-0.37	0.46
-do- Acc	60.54	64.47	-0.37	0.46
Far East Opps	153.76	164.01	-1.68	...
-do- Acc	157.34	167.82	-1.73	...
Japan	89.29	94.93	-2.18	...
-do- Acc	89.29	94.93	-2.18	...
Little Dragons	73.22	78.10	-0.47	0.64
-do- Acc	75.37	80.30	-0.49	0.64
Oriental Income	43.45	46.34	-0.83	3.43
-do- Acc	55.39	59.08	-1.06	3.43
Tiger	215.22	229.56	-0.48	1.15
-do- Acc	226.11	241.18	-0.50	1.15
UK Small Cos	75.22	80.44	-0.10	1.98
-do- Acc	87.75	93.85	-0.11	1.98

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	15.71	16.71	-0.29	0.50
Pacific Basin	30.96	32.93	-0.33	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.33	38.64	-0.30	...
Global Bond	$0.959	$0.999	+0.001	7.28
Penny Share	25.14	26.74	...	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Chy Reserve	52.83	52.84	+0.01	5.40
Gilt Growth	66.16	68.84	+0.08	...
Gilt Income	51.88	53.98	+0.05	7.75
Short Dtd Gilt	106.80	108.20	+0.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.714	$0.724	+0.000	...
Challenger	90.71	92.82	-0.12	...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4800

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	67.61	71.92	-0.33	2.03

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	4,200	Carlton C	346	Legal & Gn	481	Scot & New	346
Abbey Natl	2,000	Coats Vyla	1,600	Lloyds Bk	1,700	Scot Power	1,200
Alld-Lyons	2,600	Cm Union	509	MB Cardn	1,200	Sears	2,700
Anglian W	1,200	Courtaulds	1,300	Marks Spr	4,600	Svrn Trent	2,400
Argyll Gp	2,100	De La Rue	568	NFC	339	Shell Trans	1,400
Arjo Wig	2,000	Enterpr Oil	725	NatWst Bk	3,000	Siebe	819
AB Foods	499	Fisons	5,500	Nat Power	1,800	SmKl Bch	2,400
BAA	1,500	Forte	4,400	Nth Wst W	1,700	Smith Nph	479
BAT Inds	6,200	GRE	1,800	Nthrn Fds	4,700	Sthrn Elec	842
BOC	940	GUS A	247	P & O	417	Std Chard	699
BP	6,200	Gen Acc	899	Pearson	737	Sun Allnce	1,700
BT	4,500	Gen Elec	7,600	PowerGen	1,000	TI Gp	1,300
BTR	3,700	Glaxo	3,200	Prudential	3,300	TSB	1,700
Bk of Scot	724	Granada	2,800	RTZ	804	Tate & Lyle	362
Barclays	2,000	Grand Met	1,800	Rank Org	798	Tesco	2,900
Bass	1,700	Guinness	1,600	Reckitt Col	249	Thames W	2,100
Blue Circle	1,100	HSBC	2,700	Redland	728	Thrn EMI	487
Boots	1,700	Hanson	7,300	Reed Intl	677	Tomkins	995
Bowater	1,300	ICI	5,700	Rentokil	648	Unilever	2,600
Brit Airwys	846	Inchcape	912	Reuters	386	Utd Bisc	2,500
Brit Gas	9,400	Kingfisher	1,700	Rothmans	792	Vodafone	1,900
Brit Steel	4,200	Kwik Save	60	Ryl Ins	866	Wellcome	700
Burmah C	1,300	LASMO	670	Ryl Bk Scot	1,200	Whitbd 'A'	497
Cable Wire	1,300	Ladbroke	9,600	Sainsbury	750	Wilms Hld	1,800
Cadbury	1,700	Land Secs	803	Scot Hydro	894	Zeneca	3,700

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3504.18 (-10.51)
S&P Composite 446.74 (-0.97)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20045.88 (-351.47)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7283.46 (+16.72)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 108.7 (+0.3)

Sydney: AO 1724.0 (+9.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1684.10 (-7.88)

FT 30 share: 2250.6 (-12.5)

Brussels:
General 6214.46 (+21.99)

Paris: CAC 520.59 (-4.31)

Zurich: SKA Gen 514.2 (-2.5)

London:
FT A All-Share 1418.10 (-6.40)
FT 500 1537.49 (-6.75)
FT Gold Mines 169.8 (-0.5)
FT Fixed Interest 111.90 (+0.03)
FT Govt Secs 95.54 (-0.03)
Bargains 27736
SEAQ Volume 512.3m
USM (Datastrm) 139.00 (+0.05)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 14	June 25	September 16	September 27

Call options were taken out on 15/6/93: Aegis, Clayform Prop, Colorgen, Millwall Hldgs, Regalian Prop, Serif.
Put: Comac.
Puts & Calls: Proteus Intl, Regalian Prop.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2895.0	2896.0	2872.0	2877.0	9842
Previous open interest: 51514	Sep 93	2917.0	2917.0	2890.0	2896.0	4505
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	94.05	94.07	94.05	94.06	6260
Previous open interest: 334864	Sep 93	94.20	94.23	94.16	94.17	30183
	Dec 93	94.25	94.28	94.20	94.22	11072
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.49	96.56	96.48	96.54	506
Previous open interest: 12538	Dec 93	96.04	96.10	96.03	96.11	194
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.27	93.30	93.23	93.30	40857
Previous open interest: 508787	Dec 93	93.86	93.90	93.81	93.89	16598
Long Gilt	Jun 93	105-16	105-18	105-15	105-13	405
Previous open interest: 68530	Sep 93	104-21	104-23	104-15	104-15	29800
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	108.35	108.37	108.00	108.06	3806
	Dec 93				107.34	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	95.06	95.08	94.80	94.93	71108
Previous open interest: 159355	Dec 93	95.11	95.11	95.00	95.07	321
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	99.19	99.22	99.00	99.15	4953
Previous open interest: 15457	Dec 93				99.36	0
Three month ECU	Sep 93	93.27	93.30	93.24	93.30	1038
Previous open interest: 18047	Dec 93	93.65	93.68	93.64	93.70	233
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.39	95.44	95.36	95.42	3777
Previous open interest: 32479	Dec 93	95.61	95.69	95.60	95.66	1649
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	101.20	101.30	100.93	101.22	10965
Previous open interest: 45934	Dec 93	100.98	101.01	100.94	101.00	72

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 79.5 (day's range 79.5-79.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 15	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7738-2.7937	2.7738-2.7772	⅛-⅜ds	⅛-⅜ds
Brussels	51.11-51.27	51.21-51.27	2-7ds	11-18ds
Copenhagen	9.4880-9.5390	9.5170-9.5390	1½-2⅞ds	3⅞-5⅜ds
Dublin	1.0130-1.0150	1.0133-1.0147	9-14ds	27-35ds
Frankfurt	2.4885-2.4932	2.4899-2.4932	⅜-½ds	1-1½ds
Lisbon	236.30-237.36	236.89-237.36	137-150ds	386-419ds
Madrid	190.21-190.82	190.40-190.68	103-113ds	246-281ds
Milan	2259.70-2270.70	2261.60-2264.80	7-9ds	22-25ds
Montreal	1.9461-1.9645	1.9461-1.9483	0.56-0.50pr	0.48-0.32pr
New York	1.5220-1.5315	1.5220-1.5230	0.37-0.35pr	1.02-0.99pr
Oslo	10.4830-10.5400	10.5170-10.5400	⅛-1⅛ds	1⅝-2⅝ds
Paris	8.3170-8.3810	8.3170-8.3310	1⅛-1⅝ds	2⅞-3⅞ds
Stockholm	11.0720-11.1150	11.0800-11.1030	2½-3½ds	5⅝-7ds
Tokyo	160.95-161.56	160.95-161.14	½-¼pr	1¼-1pr
Vienna	17.49-17.55	17.51-17.55	1½-2½ds	3½-5½ds
Zurich	2.2198-2.2264	2.2198-2.2229	¼pr-par	½-¼pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5229-1.5255
Australia dollar	2.2521-2.2553
Bahrain dinar	0.572-0.584
Brazil cruzeiro*	72375.2-72410.3
Cyprus pound	0.735-0.745
Finland markka	8.287-8.403
Greece drachma	336.75-343.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.778-11.787
India rupee	47.72-48.68
Kuwait dinar KD	0.456-0.466
Malaysia ringgit	3.8991-3.9033
Mexico peso	4.74-4.84
New Zealand dollar	2.8092-2.8163
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6845-5.8105
Singapore dollar	2.4502-2.4527
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0408-7.0913
S Africa rand (com)	4.8675-4.8731
U A E dirham	5.5665-5.6895

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4777-1.4788
Austria	11.47-11.48
Belgium (Com)	33.52-33.53
Canada	1.2794-1.2799
Denmark	6.218-6.228
France	5.465-5.470
Germany	1.6315-1.6325
Hong Kong	7.7285-7.7290
Ireland	1.501-1.502
Italy	1485.0-1487.0
Japan	105.75-105.80
Malaysia	2.5585-2.5595
Netherlands	1.8225-1.8235
Norway	6.87-6.88
Portugal	155.15-155.35
Singapore	1.6078-1.6083
Spain	124.65-124.75
Sweden	7.256-7.266
Switzerland	1.457-1.458

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5½ Low 4½ Week fixed: 5½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5½. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open [illegible] close 4½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs	3.04-3.01	n/a	3.17-3.15	3.30-3.27	3.64-3.61
Building Society CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: May 28, 1993. Agreed rates June 23, 1993 to July 25, 1993. Schemes II & III: 7.30%. Reference rate May 1, 1993 to May 28, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.039%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	5⅛-5	[illegible]	8-7
Yen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $365.50-366.00 Close: $365.50-366.00 High: $365.75-366.25
Low: $363.35-363.85 Krugerrand: $365.00-367.00 (£239.00-241.00)
Sovereigns: Old $87.00-90.00 (£55.25-57.25) New $87.00-90.00 (£55.25-57.25)
Platinum: $376.35 (£245.80) Silver: $4.27 (£2.80) Palladium: $126.00 (£82.30)

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon	500	49½	63½	71½	4	11½	18
(*538½)	550	18	33	42	22½	31½	39
Argyll	330	18	28	34	10	18	23
(*343)	360	5	15	21	29	35	40
ASDA	67	7½	10	-	2½	5½	-
(*71)	76	3	5½	-	7	10½	-
Boots	420	27	42	46	7½	15	22
(*439)	460	6	21	25	29	36	42
Br Airways	277	18	29½	34½	9½	15½	21
(*294½)	316	5	16	25	26½	31½	37
BP	300	18	25½	30	7	14½	18½
(*307½)	330	5	12½	17	25	31½	34½
Br Steel	100	7½	12	17	5½	7½	10
(*104)	110	4	8	12	11	14	16
C & W	700	43	61	73½	12	25½	35
(*733½)	750	13½	34	48	41	52	61
CU	550	30	41	-	13	30	-
(*589½)	600	8½	21	-	42	58	-
ICI	1100	42	54½	71	11½	28	36
(*1105½)	1150	9	22	39	51½	68½	75
Kingfishr	550	33	37	-	19	34	-
(*583½)	600	5½	15	-	53	63	-
Land Sec	550	37	52	58	4½	14	20½
(*580)	600	8	23½	32	27½	37	44½
M & S	330	18	28	34	7½	14	18
(*335½)	360	5	14	20	26	31	34
Nat West	460	25	37½	49½	11	22	27
(*473½)	500	5½	19	31	33½	46	50
Sainsbury	460	34	46	56	7	15	22
(*485½)	500	12	26	35	26	35	41
Shell	600	34½	44	54½	6	18	23½
(*623½)	650	8	18	30	31½	45	49½
Smkl Bch	420	31½	45½	56½	10½	22	29½
(*439)	460	11	27	38	31	43	51
Storehse	200	14	23	25	7	13	17
(*208½)	220	6	14	18	19	24	29
Trafalgar	100	9	14½	-	4½	7½	-
(*105)	110	4½	9½	13	9	12½	16
Unilever	1000	67	92	106	7	18	26½
(*1047½)	1050	30½	60	75½	24	37	47½
Zeneca	600	33	51	65½	15	35	44½
(*615½)	650	12	28½	43	45	65	73
	Series	Jul	Oct	Feb	Jul	Oct	Feb
Grnd Met	390	30½	39	48½	7½	14½	25
(*413)	420	12½	23½	34	22½	29½	40½
Ladbroke	160	16	23	26½	5½	13½	18
(*170½)	180	6	13	17½	16	25½	29½
Utd Bisc	360	42½	53½	61	6	15	20½
(*398)	390	22	36	44½	17	29	34

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Aug	Nov	Jan	Aug	Nov	Jan
BAA	700	40½	59½	65	12½	22	28
(*734)	750	14	34	39	38	47	53
Thames W	460	26	37½	41	8½	18	21
(*471)	500	8½	18	21½	32	39	43
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAT Ind	425	22½	31½	40	14½	28	31½
(*427½)	450	11	19	29½	29½	44½	47½
BTR	360	18½	24	30½	7½	15½	18
(*366)	390	5	11	16	27	33	35½
Br Aero	420	19	40	50	45	60½	64
(*393)	460	9	25	37	76	87½	91
Br Telcm	420	16	25	29	13½	24½	31
(*421)	460	4½	9	15	40½	52	57
Cadbury	460	23	36	47	15	26	30½
(*463½)	500	6½	18½	28½	42	49	53½
Guinness	460	39	53	64	9	19½	25
(*484½)	500	17	31	43	25	38½	44½
GEC	330	14½	22	26½	12½	18	21
(*336)	360	3½	10	14½	34½	37½	39½
Hanson	220	15	20	23	5	9½	13
(*223½)	240	5	11	14	15	20½	23½
LASMO	160	10	15	23	12	19	22
(*157)	180	4	10½	16	26½	32½	35
Lucas	130	14½	20½	23	6	13	16½
(*136½)	140	8	14½	17½	11	19	22
Pilkngtn	130	13	19	21	4	7½	10
(*139)	140	8	13½	15	8	12½	17
Prudential	300	26	33	38½	4½	11½	13½
(*318)	330	8½	16½	23	18½	26½	29½
Redland	460	39½	49½	57½	12	28½	34
(*476½)	500	14½	30	39	33	50	55
Royal Ins	260	23½	32½	39½	6	13½	16
(*262½)	280	13	22	29	13	23	26½
Tesco	200	18	25	33	4	9	12
(*217½)	220	10½	16½	23	12	17½	21
Vodafone	420	32½	48	56	12½	21	26½
(*443½)	460	13	28	36	34	42	46½
Williams	300	15½	23	29½	11	20½	23½
(*301½)	330	4½	11	16½	31½	40	42½

FT-SE INDEX (*2870½)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Jun	133	82	35	5½	1½	1½
Jul	145	101	64	36	17	8½
Aug	165	125	90	62	37	26
Sep	170	142	110	82	52	37
Dec	-	195	-	134	-	87
Puts						
Jun	1½	1½	6	31	83	133
Jul	4½	15	25	55	89	133
Aug	24	35	51	73	103	141
Sep	35	48	67	88	118	153
Dec	-	78	-	119	-	174

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	390	25½	34½	46½	1	11	16
(*412½)	420	2	18½	29½	8	25	30
Amstrad	35	1	3½	6	1½	4½	6
(*34)	40	1	2	4½	6½	8	9
Barclays	460	5½	28	41	3	24	30½
(*464)	500	1	12	23½	39	49½	55
Blue Circ	260	4	30	27	2½	15	23
(*260)	280	1	11½	18½	20½	27	34½
Br Gas	280	17	26	30	1	6	12
(*296)	300	1	13½	19	6	14	22
	330	1	4	8	36	36½	42
Dixons	200	17	25	33	2	11	16
(*215)	220	2	14	23	7	21	27
Forte	200	16	26	31½	1	7½	13½
(*219)	220	1	14	21½	6½	16	23½
Glaxo	550	51½	78	84	1	17	30
(*599)	600	6	45½	57	7½	37½	56
	650	1	25	37	54½	69	90
HSBC	600	51	72	92	1	17	30½
(*649½)	650	6	41½	64½	8	37	51½
Hillsdwn	140	3	13	18	2	9½	15
(*142)	160	1	5½	9½	20	24	28
Lonrho	110	2	9½	14	3	11	14
(*105)	120	1	6	11	12	18	21
Reuter	1350	5	71½	117	12½	67½	90
(*1541)	1400	1	40½	93	59½	98	117
R-Royce	140	11	18	23	½	6½	10½
(*149½)	160	½	9½	14	12	17	21½
Sears	90	10	12	14	1	3	3½
(*98½)	100	1	5½	8½	2	5½	8
Tarmac	130	7½	16	20½	1	7½	13
(*136½)	140	1½	11	15	5	12½	18
Thrn Emi	850	31	48	67½	1	30	38
(*880)	900	1½	24	42	20½	60	66
Tomkins	220	19½	25	31	1	6½	10½
(*238)	240	2	12½	21	4	16	19½
TSB	180	13½	21	24	1	7	9
(*192½)	200	1	9	15½	8	17	22
Wellcome	700	27	66½	88	1½	31	47
(*720)	750	1½	39½	61	28	57½	76
	Series	Jul	Oct	Dec	Jul	Oct	Dec
Fisons	160	16	25	28	7	12	17½
(*166)	180	7	13½	19	18½	25	29
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastrn Elc	460	20	29	35½	18½	26	32
(*460½)	500	4	15½	19½	49	53	57
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	360	5½	23½	34	1½	14½	20
(*364)	390	1	10	20	27½	32	35½
Scot Pwr	310	8½	17	22½	1	13	16½
(*317)	330	1	7	14	14½	26	28½

June 15, 1993 Tot: 25510 Calls: 15377 Puts: 10133 FT-SE Calls: 5743 Puts: 3363
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: White sugar showed initial gains following talk that Pakistan and Morocco may soon be tendering for up to twelve cargoes, but came under renewed pressure once New York raws opened. The sugar market has generally quietened down since it's sharp sell-off last month and bar a weather scare on the European beet crop, it will probably range trade over the summer months.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Jul	663-661	Sep	757 BID
Sep	675-674	Dec	782-780
Dec	695-694	Mar	801-798
Mar	715-714	May	825-814
May	729-728		
Jul	742 BID		Volume: 1754

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	898-897	Mar	935-920
Sep	916-914	May	935 SLR
Nov	920 BID	Jul	945 SLR
Jan	923-920		Volume: 2443

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	-
May	unq	May	-
Aug	-	Aug	-
Oct	-		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	284.5-83.1
Spot: 283.2		May	289.0-86.7
Aug	285.5-85.0	Aug	295.0-91.7
Oct	280.5-79.5	Oct	289.0-82.8
Dec	281.9-80.0		Volume: 513

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 15

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	85.82	109.18	142.64
(+/-)	-4.53	-10.54	-1.08
Eng/Wales:	82.89	109.02	140.15
(+/-)	-5.53	-10.54	-1.95
(%)	-6.9	-7.9	-6.4
Scotland:	96.99	110.70	149.85
(+/-)	-1.22	-11.51	+0.69
(%)	+14.1	-48.9	+8.9

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jun	116.0	116.0	Aug	unq	unq
Jul	108.0	108.0			Volume: 15

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jun	136.00
Sep	106.60
Nov	108.40
Jan	111.15
Mar	113.55
	Volume: 447

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	104.50
Nov	107.55
Jan	109.75
Mar	111.85
May	113.40
	Volume: 114

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Jun	149.00
Aug	145.80
Oct	146.50
Dec	149.30
Feb	151.00
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	50.0
Apr	93.0	93.2
May	100.0	100.5
		Volume: 67

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Jul 57.75-58.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): News that the July brent programme had 55 cargoes helped to erode the market's confidence even further.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.20	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.30	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.60	-0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	18.70	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.05	-0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	198 (-3)	201 (-2)
Gasoil EEC	163 (-1)	163 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jul	165 (-1)	166 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Aug	167 (-1)	168 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	57 (n/c)	59 (n/c)
Naphtha	173 (-1)	174 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Jul	163.75-64.00	Oct	171.25-71.50
Aug	165.50-65.75	Nov	173.75-74.00
Sep	167.75-68.00	Dec	175.50-75.75
			Vol: 10270

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	17.34 BID	Oct	18.00-18.08
Aug	17.61-17.62	Nov	18.15-18.24
Sep	17.83-17.86		Vol: 41160

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jun	n/a	Sep	187.00-90.00
Jul	187.00-88.00	Oct	n/a
Aug	187.00-88.00		Vol: 15

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 93	1475	1458	1475
Jul 93	1342	1330	1340
Aug 93	1330	1325	1330
Oct 93	1420	1405	1413

Vol: 160 lots. Open int'st: 3386 Index 1539 -8

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1204.0-1205.0	1212.5-1213.5	1200400
Lead (£/tonne)	254.00-254.50	264.50-264.75	17250
Zinc Spec HI Gde ($/tonne)	917.00-917.50	935.50-936.00	214328
Tin ($/tonne)	5045.0-5050.0	5105.0-5110.0	14675
Aluminium HI Gde ($/tonne)	1154.0-1154.5	1178.5-1179.0	59730
Nickel ($/tonne)	5505.0-5507.0	5570.0-5572.0	6800

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Waste venture helps Wessex Water rise

BY CARL MORTISHED

ACQUISITIONS have sent Wessex Water's non-core businesses bouncing ahead, with profits from Wessex Waste Management, the water company's joint venture with Waste Management International, leaping from £1.8 million to £9.4 million in the year to March 31 on turnover of £48 million.

Turnover in the core water business rose £15 million to £205 million in the year, with operating profits up from £67 million to £81 million. Overall, pre-tax profit was up 12 per cent, to £86 million; the dividend rises 10 per cent, to 21.5p.

Nicholas Hood, Wessex's chairman, is sending the regulators a different message from that sent by Anglian Water. A survey of 50,000 customers threw up a 74 per cent preference for a "steady as she goes" programme of capital expenditure, implying no uplift in the rate of increase in water charges. Anglian has reported that its customers preferred higher standards.

Wessex Water raised charges 4 per cent ahead of inflation last year, forgoing the full 4.5 per cent K factor allowed by Ofwat. Mr Hood now wants the regulator and the National Rivers Authority to agree a combined approach to green concerns and the rising cost to the public of higher water standards.

Wessex claims 99.7 per cent compliance with EC drinking water standards and 98.9 per cent compliance by sewage works. "Going to 100 per cent water quality is crazy," Mr Hood said. The forecast capital spend is £125 million a year for the next few years.

Acquisition of Waste Management Ltd from NFC in January provoked criticism that the £113 million price was high. Mr Hood says that the deal gives Wessex a total of 100 million cubic metres of permitted landfill and he reckons that the combined businesses could produce £100 million of sales this year. If last year's margins of 19.5 per cent are maintained, profits from waste would almost double if there are no hidden costs in integrating the businesses.

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Steady aim: Nicholas Hood, chairman of Wessex Water, says that customers do not want sharp rises in water prices to improve quality

Improved margins boost FKI

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

A SUSTAINED assault on margins, which improved 30 per cent over the year, boosted pre-tax profits at FKI, the electrical engineer, from £20.7 million to £38 million in the year to end-March.

The pre-tax line was also helped by a £2 million reduction in interest payments and came after taking £5.4 million of reorganisation costs. Jeff Whalley, the chairman, said a similar level of rationalisation costs could be expected this year, as FKI continued to push on operating efficiencies.

A final dividend of 1.8p lifts the total from 2.3p to 3.0p. The order book is running at £215 million, up £30 million on a year ago. Mr Whalley said there were signs of recovery outside the automotive area and indications were that the group had been able to raise some prices above targets.

Panmure Gordon, the house broker, is looking for £50 million pre-tax this year.

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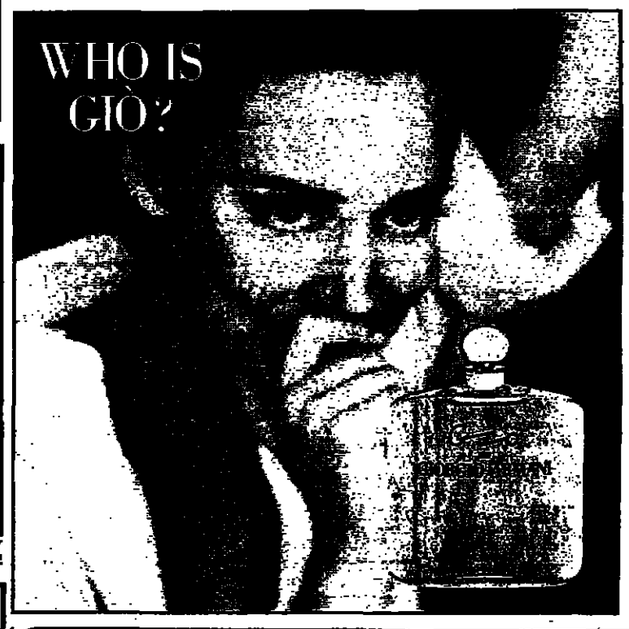
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Fresh challenges from day to day

Experienced temps can have all the work they want if they have the right agency, says Joan Llewelyn Owens

Companies are being far more demanding when they look for temps, says Gill Rebbeck, manager of Tate Appointments. "Once if you had speeds of 70wpm typing and 90 shorthand, that was enough. Now you need not only specific knowledge of particular word processing packages, but also knowledge of spreadsheets, databases and desktop publishing."

The most asked-for packages are Windows-based systems, with Word for Windows in particular. That is followed by Word Perfect 5.1. Excel is the most popular package used for spreadsheets or graphics. The ability to cope with desktop publishing is required by any company producing documents to be sent out to clients.

Tate Appointments has a Quiz simulator which enables it to test and train on some 30 word processors and computer packages. Secretaries who wish to acquire additional skills pay an hourly fee, unless the agency has been asked to supply someone with knowledge of a particular package, in which case the training is free.

How easy is it for a temp to get an assignment? Some luck is involved, Ms Rebbeck says. "The demand for a particular system may be more than the supply of secretaries on our books. With another system, perhaps, supply outstrips demand. We may have a lot of temps for whom I am looking for work yet I cannot fill some assignments because we do not have people available with the right skills."

Should secretaries straight from a college course consider temping? They will find it difficult. They may have good speeds, but they will be thrown in at the deep end without the office experience.

There are pros and cons to temping. Many Australians and New Zealanders come over on two-year working visas with excellent skills. They like the flexibility of long hours, then taking time off to travel the Continent and coming back for more work. Then there are the mothers who want to take time off to be with their children.

Students often temp during the vacations. Many take a secretarial course before going to university because they know they will earn more as a secretary than in bar or other casual work. Rates in the West End and the City range from £7 an hour to £10 for the most senior, with £8 as the average.

Temping does not appeal to everyone, however. Temping lacks security. There are no pensions, and few perks apart from paid overtime. You never know exactly how much you are going to earn in the next ten months. If you are sick, you do not work. Bank holidays mean that you are paid for a four-day week instead of five. The uncertainty can be worrying for someone with mortgage payments.

But there are people who find this way of life stimulating. Claire Meyer, 30, is one. She talks of meeting people from all walks of life, of the psychological freedom temping gives her to choose how, with whom and where she works, and the time it gives to pursue her many other interests.

She finds it a good way, too, to see how businesses are run. This gave her the self-confidence to run her own financial training company for three years. That, unfortunately, like so many City-based enterprises, was a victim of the recession. She has also acquired knowledge of new technology, and is now familiar with ten packages.

"If you have the right outlook and very good secretarial skills," says Ms Meyer, "you can pick up a job within 24 hours." Her own typing is fantastically fast — 112 wpm. "But this", she says ruefully, "can be a disadvantage." Once she completed an assignment meant to last a week in half that time, and so lost half a week's pay.

She has worked for travel agencies, solicitors, management consultants, banks, stockbrokers, and had one assignment on a film set. The film company wanted a typist to work on a 1920s typewriter for an advertisement. "The rostrum camera was right up to the typewriter, so that what I typed could be seen on screen. I was terrified of making mistakes, because the machine was so heavy."

Another interesting job was a fortnight as a "gofer cum general help" on the Salomon Bros US Bond Desk. "I was on the trading floor. It was an opening to get into trading if you wanted to, but the pace was too frenetic."

As a temp, Ms Meyer has been asked to do practically anything, from shopping, advising a foreigner on how to phrase a letter, to dealing with the firm's revenue matters. In some situations calls have to be tactfully fielded. "Some bosses give you details of their lives without knowing you at all."

She has always been treated well, but temps are not always given the opportunity to show that they can tackle more than routine matters. Would-be temps, she advises, should choose an agency carefully: "It is essential that you get on well, and explain exactly what you are looking for. And you should establish your bottom line as far as your hourly rate is concerned."

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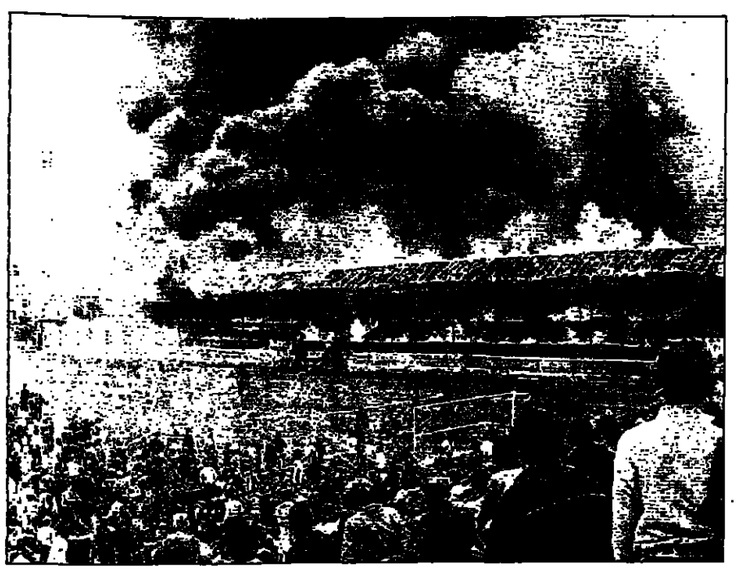
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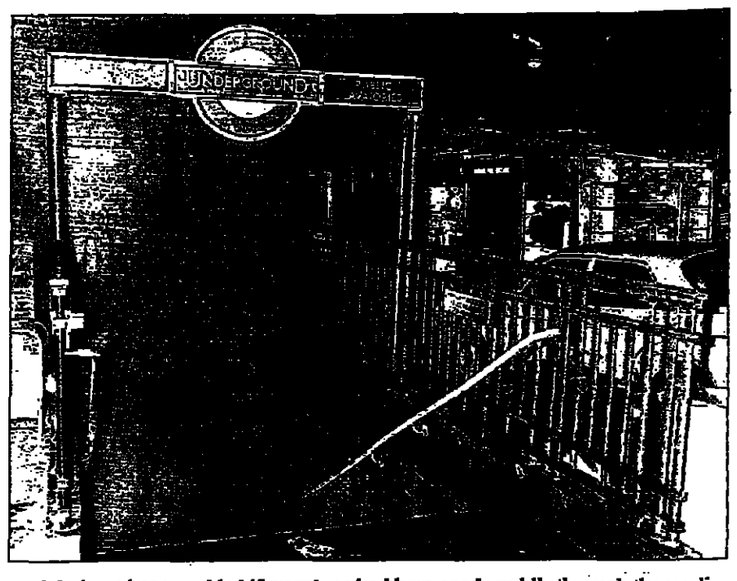
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Through the smokescreen: incidents such as the Bradford City and King's Cross fires might have been avoided if warnings had been made public through the media

Who needs a secret society?

Freedom of information and the 'right to know' also mean looking for the meaning behind events, says **Tony Hall**

In his diary of March 10, 1969, Richard Crossman, then social services secretary, described a rare event. He documented how his department wished to handle a report on cruelty at the Ely mental hospital, in Cardiff.

The report, 83,000 words long, gave a damning indictment of the hospital and its management. His officials said immediately that the report could not be published in full — only in an expurgated version. "Not on your life," said its author, the "ablest of young Tory lawyers", Geoffrey Howe. "I must get out the essential facts". After a long, long argument in 1969, Crossman dug his heels in, and the full report was published.

In that case, 24 years ago, the public was told the whole story. Today, that is still very much the exception. But the issue of the public's right to know is once again on the agenda. The government has said that it will publish a white paper in the summer, and a private member's bill, sponsored by Mark Fisher MP, is going through parliament at the moment. This bill has wide, cross-party support and would give individuals the right to see files kept on them by public authorities and employers, as well as the right to know what guidelines are being used by, say, tax offices when making their decisions. But it would also give the public the right to information in areas such as education, transport, pollution, safety and planning. A number of particular cases where this would have been of benefit spring to mind.

Last February, for example, the press uncovered unpublished research by the government showing that some brands of apple juice might contain high levels of toxic chemicals. If this was the case, a number of people asked at the time, why wasn't the public told earlier? In 1985, more than 50 people died at Bradford City football club. Afterwards, it was revealed that the council had complained to the club about the "unacceptable" fire hazard. The correspondence was confidential and the supporters did not know. After the fire at the King's Cross underground station in 1987, the Fennell report found that many potential hazards had been reported in confidence internally, but no remedial action had taken place. It is just possible that, had these problems been out in the open, an informed public debate would have led to action.

The result of any "right to know" legislation would also be a more informed journalism. The first amendment of the United States constitution proclaims the "Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press". In practice this means that a journalist can talk to any government or public official. When Gavin Esler, the BBC's Washington correspondent, rang the Pentagon and asked for permission to film in their most sensitive chemical weapons plant, it was given.

Last year, while making a film about cocaine trafficking, *Panorama* filmed *HMS Cardiff* as it helped the United States combat the movement of drugs from Central and South America. Our team wanted to describe the ship as acting as the "eyes and ears" of the authorities fighting the trade. This was apparently too much for the press officer from the defence ministry, who objected on the grounds that this might mean that they were "listening to things". In contrast, the programme was given complete access by the Americans to film the listening post of their anti-drug command.

> Government documents are kept a secret — and the position of civil servants is ambiguous

The consequence of no "right to know" is more difficult for the broadcasters. Unlike newspapers, most of our reporting has to be "on the record". It is more *difficult* to deal with ideas or policies or options without someone to come forward and speak for them. That is why the BBC has a commitment to the broadcasting of as wide a canvas of the work of the select committees as it can. But of necessity, in other areas we have to fall back on the commentator or the expert.

The televising of parliament has succeeded in opening up more widely the democratic process but, sadly, much of the background to government activity is still hidden from the people. Documentation is secret unless it is deemed that it be made public. The position of civil servants is ambiguous: sometimes they will give interviews, usually they will not. In the past few years, Whitehall has handed over dozens of vital public services such as the administration of social security benefits to executive agencies. As the BBC's *Scrutiny* programme showed recently, many MPs are concerned that the result could be less information and less public accountability.

Our programmes aim to inform the public about government: about the problems we face, the choices we can make, about the decisions which should be questioned closely. These issues are often highly complex, and not suited to an ill-informed analysis. There is an awful lot of grey in life. Journalists at present spend too much time trying to prize out information that ought to be more readily available.

A relationship of suspicion all too often develops between the media and the bodies they are seeking to portray. The result may often be journalists concentrating on the winning of information, rather than considering carefully the significance of what it might mean.

Of course, there will always be necessary secrets. Good decision-making requires a degree of privacy for quiet thought away from the hurly-burly of public debate. But good decision-making also requires a thorough knowledge of the consequences of any action and that presupposes a public responsibly informed through the media. This would be better achieved through greater "real" freedom of information.

● *The author is the managing director, BBC News and Current Affairs.*

Stott takes his sweet revenge

PAPER ROUND

Brian MacArthur

Coca-Cola, Persil, Ariel, Andrex, Nescafé, Whiskas — once any brand or business establishes itself as market leader, rivals rarely shake it from the perch. Only a stupidly complacent management allows itself to be overtaken by the second best. That is as true for newspapers as it is for Walker's Crisps, Bell's Extra Special or Pampers Nappies, some of the other top ten mega brands shown in the 1992 Marketing/Nielson biggest brands survey last week.

Market leadership explains why year-on-year sales of *The Sun* are down by only 1.02 per cent compared with a drop of 7.5 per cent for the *Daily Mirror* and *Daily Star*, why *The Sunday Times* still has 45 per cent of a Sunday quality market with four papers, and why sales of the *Daily Mail* are up by 70,000 on a year ago against a drop of 73,000 for the *Daily Express*.



Radical: Richard Stott

So when an underdog, the third player in a three-paper contest, suddenly shows its mettle, we start to cheer it on, which is what has been happening to *Today*. Under its new editor, Richard Stott, *Today* last month recorded the biggest month-on-month and year-on-year increases of any national newspaper.

Today had already been doing well under its previous editor Martin Dunn, but there is a special reason why Stott needs to carry on that success. Stott has twice been editor of the *Daily Mirror* and twice editor of *The People*, a unique distinction in contemporary Fleet Street. He has devoted his career to fighting either *The Sun* or the *News of the World*, the flagship tabloids of News International and daily rivals of the Mirror Group.

When Stott was fired by David Montgomery, soon after he became chief executive of the Mirror Group, many wondered whether his newspaper career was over. Instead, News International offered him the editorship of *Today* and he instantly set about recruiting many of his former *Mirror* staff, including Anne Robinson and Alastair Campbell, two of its biggest star columnists.

So there was a special relish for Stott last weekend in the monthly report from the Audit Bureau of Circulation. *Today* is piling on sales as the *Mirror* is losing them. Year on year, sales of the *Mirror* are down by 215,000 and *The People* is down by 118,000. Sales of *Today* are up by nearly 50,000 and still rising.

Anne Robinson, a rival to Lynda Lee-Potter of the *Daily Mail* and Jill Parkin of the *Daily Express*, Alastair Campbell, who writes a left-wing political column, and an eight-page Thursday gossip section all add new reader appeal to *Today*. At the same time Stott's former *Mirror* techniques, his brand of popular but intelligent journalism and a more political stance, have given the paper a new sense of vitality. As sales show, it is attracting new readers — and without spending any serious money on television promotion.

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Richard Cork reports from the Venice Biennale, where images of political and social turmoil predominate

Nomads cross the wasteland

The year was 1934, and Adolf Hitler made sure a photograph was taken when he strutted into the Venice Biennale with a self-righteous air. While a Mussolini henchman gives a fawning smile near by, the Führer satisfies himself that the exhibits are politically correct. The Biennale, after all, was conceived as the Olympics of contemporary art, a contest between national pavilions ranged around the public gardens.

If Hitler were alive today, and visited Hans Haacke's installation for the German pavilion at the 1993 Biennale, he would be gratified to find this photograph confronting visitors as they step inside. But pride would turn to outrage as he surveyed the pavilion's monumental interior. For the space is empty, apart from the word GERMANIA inscribed in large capitals on the far wall. And the marble floor which Hitler installed has been uprooted and smashed, like the fragments projecting from the frozen sea in Caspar David Friedrich's masterpiece of German Romanticism *The Sea of Ice*.

With great boldness, Haacke presents a brutal image of the wasteland left behind by Hitler after his death. But the pulverised pavilion also forces us to ask questions about present-day Germany, where unification has led to dissent, recession and an alarming renewal of savage racism.

By subverting the notion of a patriotic shrine, Haacke's room chimes with the aim of the Biennale as a whole. For this year's organiser, the Italian critic Achille Bonito Oliva, stresses the need for "cultural nomadism". He maintains that contemporary artists must leave narrow definitions of nationalism behind, undertaking "voyages" to other cultures in order "to rediscover energy and expressive strength".

The meaning behind the resounding title he has chosen for the Biennale, "The Cardinal Points of Art", remains irritatingly vague. But some pavilions have entered into the nomad spirit by breaking away from the hallowed idea that the Biennale should be the fine art equivalent of the Eurovision Song Contest.

Haacke, although German, has lived in the United States for 30 years, and his co-exhibitor is the Korean-born video artist Nam June Paik. Over at the otherwise confused and disappointing Italian pavilion, the presence of invited artists from Africa strikes a blow for a continent usually unrepresented at the Biennale. New York-based Joseph Kosuth occupies the main space at the Hungarian pavilion. And the former Yugoslavian pavilion has turned national tragedy to poignant account by inviting seven artists from other countries, including Tony Cragg, Shirazeh Houshiary and Julian Opie, to fill the "evacuated" building with "works regarding peace". Opie comes nearest to defining the insanity of internecine butchery, displaying an ironic *Fortified Area* as childish as the castle walls in a nursery game.

Occupying the British pavilion is Richard Hamilton, awarded the top Golden Lion painting prize by the Biennale jury. He has never looked better than in this lucid selection of paintings and installations from the past decade, displayed with a crispness lacking in his Tate retrospective last year.

Hamilton devotes his first and finest room to a series of paintings about Northern Ireland. Begun in the 1970s with a melancholy picture of a "dirty protest" prisoner, and continued ten years later with the harsher image of an equally unyielding Orangeman in full ceremonial regalia, the sequence is now concluded with a new painting of a British soldier in camouflage uniform. Walking backwards down a street, this wary figure is juxtaposed with a damp, dismal landscape reminiscent of Gerhard Richter's work at its most blurred.

Taken together, the three pictures amount to the most sustained meditation on the Irish troubles made by any living English artist. Still as fascinated by photographic and film sources as he was in his heyday as a pioneer Pop artist, Hamilton has widened his range and addresses this complex theme with a new sense of gravity.

In his willingness to tackle social and political issues, the septuagenarian Hamilton has links with the young artists selected for the Aperto section of the Biennale. Under the urgent title of Emergenza/Emergency, this vast and often hectoring survey sets out to explore five categories: entropy, violence, survival, social marginalisation and difference. The outcome is too often marred by a desire to sensationalise. As if determined to outdo shock-horror tabloid journalism, and the television sound-bite, artists from many different countries indulge in attention-grabbing tactics.

Much of their work looks anaemic compared with the indomitable Louise Bourgeois, who at 82 is magisterially fêted in the American pavilion. French by birth and upbringing, and therefore an appropriate choice for a "nomadic" Biennale, she fills her rooms with sculpture and dimly-lit installations where desire, loss, memory and the grave are powerfully intermingled. The outcome could easily have been as cheerless as so many of the Aperto's offerings. But Bourgeois, who appears to be at the peak of her considerable abilities, succeeds in tackling these sombre themes with zest, inventiveness and a surrealist wit. Without betraying the tragic import of her concerns, she seasons them with a beguiling strangeness which makes her pavilion stand out in a generally despondent Biennale. If only Bourgeois's juniors possessed half her vitality and the capacity, time and again, to spring a well-staged ambush on the unsuspecting viewer.

● XLV Venice Biennale *at the Giardini and the Corderie, Arsenale, until Oct 10, Every day except Tuesday 11am-6pm. Closed Tues.*



The State by Richard Hamilton: one of three pictures comprising "the most sustained meditation on the Irish troubles made by an Englishman"

FRANCIS BACON: Towering above anything in the Giardini or the Aperto is "Figurabile", an overwhelming homage to Francis Bacon selected by his old friend David Sylvester, who has also been awarded a Golden Lion for his achievements as a critic and curator. Bacon himself preferred modest spaces for his exhibitions, and the Museo Correr provides them to perfection. The rooms emphasise the disconcerting intimacy of Bacon's vision, for the figures inhabiting his canvases all seem to be caught offguard, in their most private moments. Bacon's handling of paint is a continual marvel, developing from the spare, dragged roughness of the early pictures to the bravura fluency he commanded later on.

● *Figurabile: Francis Bacon at the Museo Correr until Oct 10, daily 10-6*

DA VELAZQUEZ A MURILLO: Since Velázquez was one of Bacon's heroes, the Fondazione Cini's survey of 17th-century Adalucian painting is appropriately timed. But Velázquez himself is represented only by a single picture. Mouth parted, with spear on shoulder, St Thomas stares into the shadows as if expecting a divine revelation. An ordinary man held spellbound, he arouses an appetite for Velázquez's work which the rest of the show refuses to satisfy. But there are compensations among the lesser-known names, and the show is full of surprises.

● *Da Velázquez a Murillo: Il "siglo de oro" in Adalusia at the Fondazione Cini until June 27, 10-8 daily, closed Mon.*

TRESORS DE VOYAGE: "Tresors de Voyage" invites us to travel by boat to the island of San Lazzaro. There, in a superb and well-preserved Armenian monastery, 24 artists have been invited to show their work among the treasures preserved by the monks themselves. Some, like Anish Kapoor's *Moon* with its crescent-shaped incision in blue stone, are displayed alone. Others are installed cheek by jowl with the monastery's possessions. Sol LeWitt's trio of white, sharp-edged *Complex Forms* look like icebergs in the dark, wood-panelled library, and Per Kirkeby's freely handled abstract canvas stands out on an easel among the cases of resplendent ceramics.

● *Tresors de Voyage at the Isola di San Lazzaro degli Armeni until Sept 15, daily 3-5*

THEATRE: **Michael Wright** on a Brazilian extravaganza opening in London tonight

Baroque from the backyards

In Brazil, soap opera is a way of life. And while British audiences may complain that television soap opera has turned the Great British Panto into little more than a cheap vehicle for off-duty soap stars, Brazilian theatre is suffering from a far more advanced state of soap fever. It has shrivelled into a tacky pageant in which the performance of low-brow comedy offers a shallow pretext for punters to bask in the presence of their favourite stars.

Gabriel Villela, a young and charismatic director, is one of the few in Brazil who are working at pushing theatre into the future rather than down the plughole. Only 33 years old, Villela has already accumulated a staggering 78 prizes for his theatre work. Now he brings his new production to the London International Festival of Theatre, which opens this week.

Sitting in a tiny theatre in Sao Paolo and watching the final dress rehearsal of *A Guerra Santa* — opening at the Riverside Studios tonight — it is easy to see why the director has earned such critical acclaim. Villela has seen almost no theatre outside Brazil, yet there are striking resemblances here to the rude expressionism and wily allegorising of Eastern European theatre.

Performed by Villela's own "Companía Melodramatica Brasileira", the play is based on a poem by Luís Alberto de Abreu, based — in turn — on Dante's *Divine Comedy*. This cannibalising of old works to create something new and different — often with heavy irony — is typically Brazilian, and was one of the basic characteristics of the "Tropicalista" movement in the 1960s, a dense wave of cultural kitsch that absorbed every conceivable artistic influence of the time and colourfully regurgitated the result as modern Brazilian art and music.

The result is as bizarre as it is busy. As Villela explains: "I wanted to take the characters from a classical work of literature and to try to mix them with the Brazilian characteristics embodied in Tropicalismo and our Baroque culture." So while the show — primitive and sophisticated, pagan and Catholic — shares the irony of Tropicalismo, its stylistic inspiration comes from both the Circus-Theatre that flourished in rural areas in the Thirties and Forties, and from the Baroque architecture and culture that influenced Villela's own childhood.



A spectacle as bizarre as it is busy: *A Guerra Santa*

For non-speakers of Portuguese, 90 minutes of unintelligible backyard verse drama might sound like too much of a good thing. Yet there is an exquisite beauty about the tattered, dreamlike production. Many of the scenes seem like tiny visual poems, transcending language.

"When you are in a Baroque church, the architecture doesn't make you look towards any specific focal point," he says. "You have to take in everything at once. And that's what I am trying to do in this show; there are always many things happening. And as a viewer, you have to choose what to observe."

But even Villela is not immune to soap opera stars; Beatrice is played by Beatriz Segal, one of the biggest of them all in Brazil. And who is to judge whether this is yet another rich kitsch gesture, or a cynically commercial ploy.

● A Guerra Santa *opens at Riverside Studios, Crisp Rd, London W6 (081-748 3354), tonight*

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

LONDON

TOSCA: In this revival of John Cox's reliable production the title role is sung by Catherine Malfitano, who sang it in last year's live "real-time" television production. Alberto Cupido sings Cavaradossi (Luis Lima has withdrawn); Gregory Yurisich is Scarpia; Daniel Oren conducts the first night.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), 7.30pm Ⓢ

ROMEO AND JULIET: Judi Dench directs her first Shakespeare at Regent's Park. Rebecca Callard (recently Arrietty in *The Borrowers*) and Zubin Varla (Antonio in *Luv*) play the young lovers.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Opens tonight, 8pm; then in repertoire with *The Shrew*. Ⓢ

THE ODYSSEY: Ron Cook plays the traveller in *Derek Walcott's mighty* version of the old epic.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews from tonight, 7.15pm, opens June 22, 7pm Ⓢ

PRESENT LAUGHTER: Tom Conti plays Garry Essendine, Noël Coward's virtual self-portrait. Conti also directs.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Previews from tonight, 7.45pm: opens June 23, 7pm.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. The young Georgian Vachtang Matchavariani conducts the orchestra *in a programme of Russian* classics comprising Mussorgsky's *A Night on the Bare Mountain*, Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto (with Mikhail Rudy) and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Sheherazade*.
Barbican Hall, *Silk Street*, EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.30pm. Ⓢ

NORMAN CONNORS: The fusion jazz drummer and producer plays songs from his soulful new album, *Remember Who You Are*.
Jazz Café, Parkway, NW1 (071-916 6000), tonight-Sat, 7pm. Ⓢ

REGIONAL

CRICCIETH: The **Criccieth Music Festival** officially opens tomorrow with a concert by the Northern Chamber Orchestra, with soprano Rebecca Evans as the featured soloist in a programme of Haydn, Bach, Mozart and Schubert (*Memorial Hall, 7.30pm*). Today Professor Kenneth O. Morgan gives the annual David Lloyd George memorial lecture (Moriah Chapel, Llanystumdwy, 8pm) and Emyr Humphreys gives a reading of prose in English and Welsh (Ty Newydd, Llanystumdwy, 3.30pm). **Criccieth Festival** (*box office, 0766* 522778), continues until June 21.

EDINBURGH: The Louisiana-born blues guitarist **Phillip Walker**, an exponent of the West Coast sound, plays here on his first UK tour.
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SALISBURY: Deborah Paige directs David Burke and Corey Johnson in the British premiere of a new Sam Shepard play **States of Shock**. In an anonymous diner an American colonel recreates a horrific "friendly fire" incident. A co-production with NT Studio.
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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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◩ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◩ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins. Ⓢ

□ **A DAY IN THE DEATH OF JOE EGG:** Peter Nichols successfully updates his ground-breaking first play. With Clive Owen and Elizabeth Garvie.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm. 135mins Ⓢ

■ **THE DEARLY BELOVED:** Philip Osment's subtle and compassionate look at the tensions raging below the *surface in a small West Country town*.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 150mins

◩ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

□ **IN LAMBETH.** Thomas Paine shelters from the mob with Mr and Mrs William Blake. Jack Shepherd's rewarding play about two very different revolutionaries. Recommended.
Lyric Studio, King Street, W6 (081-741 8701). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4.30pm. 90mins. Ⓢ

◩ **JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK:** Sound and steady production from the Gate Theatre, Dublin. Anita Reeves is an admirable Juno. final week.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

□ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of troubled Americans.
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□ *LEONARDO:* The young master's supposed love for Lisa turned into a musical. great sets but daft story.
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□ **NICE DOROTHY:** Auriol Smith plays the sensible, middle-aged spinster who suddenly discovers sex: David Cregan's likable look at late love.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Final week. Ⓢ

□ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (*071-494 5085*). *Mon-Sat, 8pm*, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

□ **THE SHOWMAN:** Alan Bates is clever and funny as Thomas Bernhard's self-obsessed actor but the play does not mount to much.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Fri, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins. Ⓢ

□ **STUDS:** Intricate ensemble playing by Dublin's Passion Machine makes foot-stamping theatre from the antics of a hopeless soccer team: final week.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). *Mon-Sat, 8pm.* Ⓢ

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **ARMY OF DARKNESS** (15): *Evil Dead* hero Bruce Campbell fights medieval England's undead. Exuberant horror parody from director Sam Raimi.
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◆ **CLOSE TO EDEN** (15): Trite, condescending *tale of* New York detective Melanie Griffith going undercover among Hasidic Jews. Sidney Lumet directs.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 *914666*) *Screen on the Hill* Ⓢ (071-435 3366)

SOFIE (15): The spent life of a Jewish woman in late 19th century Denmark. Liv Ullmann's skilful, humane directorial debut; marvellously acted by Karen-Lise Mynster, Erland Josephson.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865)

◆ **SWING KIDS** (12): Nazi politics threaten three youngsters' passion for American jazz. Trivial treatment of interesting material. With Robert Sean Leonard, Christian Bale: director, Thomas Carter.
Odeons: Haymarket (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332).

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◆ **THE VANISHING** (15): Kiefer Sutherland hunts for a lost girl while Jeff Bridges plays cat and mouse. Uneven exercise in Hitchcockian suspense. Director, George Sluizer.
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UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, André Dussollier.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

◆ **INDECENT PROPOSAL** (15): Sex, greed and Robert Redford: a potent mixture, though Adrian Lyne's film gets sillier scene by scene. With Demi Moore, Woody Harrelson.
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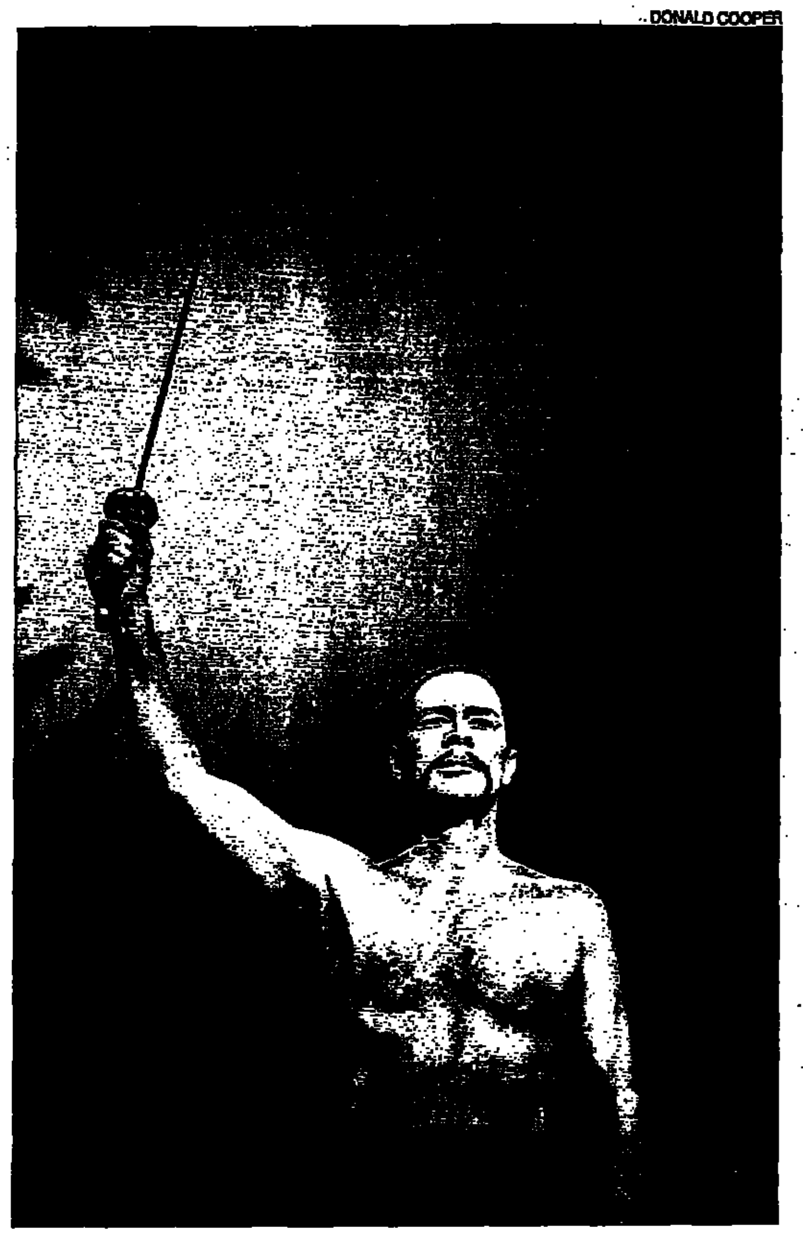
◆ **FALLING DOWN** (18): White-collar American (Michael Douglas) goes on the rampage. Controversial drama that imitates society's sores to no good purpose. Robert Duvall, Barbara Hershey; director, Joel Schumacher.
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MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatore.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) **Gate** Ⓢ (071-727 4043).

OPERA: A Verdi revival returns, even more stirring; plus a worthy Berlioz effort



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Samuel Ramey as Attila: "An unsurpassable sense of musical line"

All-conquering invader returns

Attila
Covent Garden

OPERA-GOERS are strange and fickle creatures. In 1990 Elijah Moshinsky's fine production of Verdi's risorgimento opera was what is known in the entertainment business as a sleeper — it spiralled off into a success that no one had quite expected, and was successfully revived the following year. On external evidence the current series is not selling well. Maybe the buffs feel they have seen this particular hunk of early Verdi, have ticked it off, and will sit and wait for the next one. They are misguided. Monday's *Attila* was even better than at the original run — indeed it was one of the most exhilarating evenings I can remember at the Royal Opera House — and once word of mouth gets to work there should be an unholy scramble for tickets.

As before, the chief architect of the success is Sir Edward Downes. In this sort of repertory I don't believe there is a conductor in the world to touch him. It's a matter of weight. He never hurries, never takes even the simplest accompaniment figure for granted, but judges each movement's specific gravity to perfection, and the steadiness of his tempos releases a physical energy that sweeps the audience along, leaves it breathless — it is pure theatre. Even the potentially routine *stretta* that closes the second act is somehow made to sound important, and I certainly know no one who can make Verdi's long unison string tunes "sing" in quite the way that he does. The orchestra play wonderfully for him.

Overall, the cast is notably stronger. Samuel Ramey, in fabulous voice, brings real class to the title role. His sense of musical line, his seamless legato are unsurpassable today — or yesterday for that matter. He's a little golden age all on his own. Predictably, adjustment to the original costume designs allowed for generous display of the famous Chippendale-style torso. Well, if you've got it, I suppose you flaunt it, and if he sings like this he can perform Attila in a black sequinned ballgown for all I care.

Elizabeth Connell is the new Odabella. She has the notes, and the agility, and her top is as steady and bright as a laser beam. She dominates the ensembles thrillingly. On Monday she sounded less at ease with her first-act *romanza*, which was rather too forcefully projected, but with luck, once past the first night, she will feel confident enough to approach it with more delicacy.

I have never heard Dennis O'Neill, returning as Foresto, sing better. His lack of inhibition and full-throated ardour are truly Italianate. Giorgio Zancanaro is once again the up-front Ezio: I believe he risked both verses of his cabaletta last time, but never mind — he and Ramey hurling insults at each other in their first duet is one of the most viscerally exciting things to be heard in opera. In this context, the fact that some of the lighting had an *improvisatory* air to it on Monday matters little. Scramble away.

RODNEY MILNES

A vigorous sketch

Benvenuto Cellini
Queen Elizabeth Hall

THE moment at which Benvenuto Cellini's bronze statue of Perseus miraculously appears in all its glory at the end of Berlioz's opera becomes an act of faith in itself in the invisible drama of concert performance. But this triumph of art against adversity, of eternity against time, was something which moved Berlioz deeply as musician and as keen Shakespearean.

Despite adversity of *his own* which equalled that of his hero, Berlioz gave his four-act opera of 1838 all he had got. And so did the Chelsea Opera Group. They have already performed the piece twice in their history, and had the advantage of borrowing an armful of scores from their president and Berlioz's champion, Sir Colin Davis. We heard the score used by Covent Garden in 1966 — which seems to be the nearest to what Berlioz wanted at the original Paris performance.

Chelsea Opera Group's performance made one long to see the work staged again at the Royal Opera, especially after the success of *La Damnation de Faust*. Even rough orchestral playing and ragged choral singing could not quell its immense spirit and dramatic presence.

When Berlioz himself tried, in rehearsal, to instil more life into the Act II Saltarello, the conductor broke his baton in a fit of pique. Adrian Brown, *conducting* on Sunday, maintained momentum unremittingly, even if this was at the cost of the music's more subtle underside. There is as much of *Roméo et Juliette* and *Les Nuits d'Été* in this work as there is swagger of *Carnaval Romain*.

Here, though, *La gloire* and *L'espoir* were all — or so Justin Lavender, as Cellini himself, would have us believe. His highly charged, Latinate tenor is always thrilling, with its freedom of articulation and its strength under pressure. His Teresa (for sculpture and goldsmithing could not be Cellini's only love in an opera) was Teresa Cahill, on strong, sensuous form, though verbally blurred through her refusal to enunciate consonants *clearly*.

She might have taken a lesson or two from Geoffrey Dolton, whose rascally Fieramosca had a sharp rhythmic cutting edge simply through the vitality of the word. Jeremy White, too, gloried in the ponderous pomposity of his part as Teresa's father, Balducci, while the character parts of Ascanio and the Innkeeper were brightly defined by Margaret McDonald and Michael Hart-Davis.

HILARY FINCH

DANCE

Intentions or inventions

VoltAire
Bloomsbury Theatre

ALL praise to VoltAire for trying to *update the idiom of ballet and presenting* chamber-sized work on small stages. I am delighted by the company's use of contemporary or commissioned music, played live. I am impressed by the dancers. If only the choreography of the latest programme did justice to their efforts.

The best came first. Both Susan Crow's *Long Hot Summer* and Michael Corder's *Rumanian Dances* have an inner logic that communicates itself satisfyingly. Crow's duet, danced by Jennifer Jackson and Emma Lewis, contrasts the torpor of summer heat with the cool of dusk and night. Her spare, Cunningham-esque choreography has an interesting subtlety, with oblique images of bodies slumping with exhaustion or subsiding into sleep, limbs stirring sluggishly or lurching into sharp activity. She creates compelling patterns and motifs; she finds a rich variety of mood, helped by a sound tape that conveys the heavy stillness of thundery air, clammy rain and the buzz of crickets.

Corder's contribution, a pas de deux *made for a gala*, is here performed by Mark Silver and Anne Breckell. Set to Bartók's Romanian Dances, it seems a conventional example of classical variations on the theme of folkloric dance.

The Brindisi String Quartet played the music for that and the two other pieces, newly choregraphed and substantial. I wish I could feel more enthusiastic about *Hunting And Gathering*, by the company's director Jennifer Jackson, a woolly effort that takes its name from Kevin Volans's score. The groupings of a community in archaic *poses* and *friezes* look handsome enough, but its evocation — as the programme informs you — of the Shona people of Zimbabwe might be about ancient Babylonians or extra-terrestrials engaged in an inscrutable narrative.

Like Michael Rolnick's *Where Are You?*, it seemed more like a pretext for filling the music. Rolnick's plotless response to the tense atonalities of Micha Hamel's commissioned score explored possible combinations of three men and two women. It was an exhausting succession of solos, duos and ensembles couched in a jumble of choreographic ideas.

NADINE MEISNER

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TELEVISION: **Simon Tait** on a new home for old programmes; **Joe Joseph** on adulterers' confessions

Idols going on parade again

Anybody would have thought television was already museum material — what with UK Gold, the cable oldies channel, and the binges of undiluted nostalgia such as BBC 2's recent trip down memory's dark alleys, *Cops on the Box*. Now, it officially is.

Television has been put in a metaphorical glass case — preserved at the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television in Bradford in a new gallery funded by £100,000 from the Independent Television Association. "TV Heaven", the title unashamedly borrowed from Channel 4's successful season of pure nostalgia, is the museum's way of celebrating its own tenth birthday, which falls today.

In a room which looks like a cross between a submarine's operations room and a provincial French bank, you will be able to get misty-eyed over *Criss-Cross Quiz* or *The Army Game* (1957), *University Challenge* (1962), *Stars on Sunday* (1969), *Wheeltappers and Shunters Social Club* (1974) and *Edward and Mrs Simpson* (1978).

You can choose from a library of, to start with, 500 titles, or take what is on offer at the four terminals. Each day will be dedicated to a particular year, with typical programmes on continuous cassettes. Today, for instance, the year is 1983, when this branch of the Science Museum was launched, and the menu includes *Auf Wiedersehen Pet*; *Vietnam: The Television History*; *Widows*; Olivier's *King Lear*; *Brass*; *Just Amazing*; *First Tuesday* and two dramas — *Made in Britain* and *Birth of a Nation*. Visitors will, however, be gently discouraged from sitting through the whole lot. Like French bank furniture, the chairs do not let you relax.

Peter Fitzhugh, the project co-ordinator, says that what the gallery emphatically is *not*, is an archive. The British Film Institute has that, with clips showing at its Museum of the Moving Image on the South Bank. "But at Momi you can't see whole programmes, and the BFI archive is for scholars," he further explains.

The BFI is not involved in the Bradford initiative, which is dependent on the television companies for support. The only similar facility is in New York where the Museum of Broadcasting and Radio has 12,000 shows, 200 of them British.

Sadly, at Bradford you will not be able to see anything from the BBC — yet. It's not that they don't want to help, says Fitzhugh, a former Yorkshire Television producer, simply that they cannot decide whose responsibility it is to give permission. The BBC stores something like half a million tapes and another half-million cassettes.

But Fitzhugh has a wish list of, initially, 750 titles and has asked for

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BBC programmes going back to the *Bespoke Overcoat* and the *Benny Hill Show* of 1955, and ranging up to that classic of subtle dialogue, *Eldorado*. "It's not a matter of what we think was good, but what was important to the development of the medium," he says. "I want the industry to see that this is serious, not some penny-ante thing."

Finding the material is difficult. Programme-makers have had no sense of their own history-making, and most television has been junked; perhaps five per cent survives. Nothing was recorded before 1950, transfer to videotape later on was expensive and seldom thought worth it, and even in the mid-1970s video recorders were a luxury most stations felt they could do without.

Early videotape was two-inch, abandoned for one-inch 20 years ago and not compatible with modern equipment. Most of it is not recoverable anyway, having shed its oxide coating over the years. Moreover, after the first franchise auction in 1968, such companies as Rediffusion and ATV disappeared and their programmes were either sold to private collectors or destroyed. And much of what has survived is tied up in copyright too expensive for a museum to break through. Entry to the gallery will be free, and none of the material will be available on video — to keep within copyright laws.

There ought to be a memorial stone for the lost shows: *Junior Showtime*, Yorkshire TV's talent show which gave us Lena Zavaroni and Mark Curry; *The Grove Family*, the first television soap (all lost); and most of *Nationwide*. That was the programme which "went beyond television boundaries by making an instant news network which shouldn't have worked technically then and sometimes didn't," according to John Trenouth, the museum's head of television development. Gone, too, is *A for Andromeda*, the sci-fi thriller which introduced Susan Hampshire and was worlds better than the later *Blake's Seven* which *is* widely available on cassette; and *At Last the 1948 Show*, Central's satire revue which launched the Monty Python team, and many more.

But there will be commercials — 10,000 of them. They will date back to the first Gibb's SR toothpaste tingle, footage rescued when the ITV Ass'n moved into ITN's Gray's Inn Road building and needed to unload its ads collection.

TV Heaven is part of the valediction of Colin Ford, who set up the museum and leaves in the autumn to become director of the National Museum of Wales. "It was always part of the philosophy of the place to have this. You can't follow the history of television without the programmes," he says. "We will expand the collection and change the facilities — I don't like to call it a gallery because that is a museum word which doesn't really fit." But the point, he agrees, is a museum one: "To explain to future generations what happened on our television sets."

● *The National Museum of Photography, Film and Television is in Pictureville, Bradford (0274 727488)*



Once Britain's most popular sitcom: Alfie Bass, shaking a puppet of Bill Fraser in *The Army Game*

Wrong to kiss and tell

We know that married men and women have affairs. The kinkier ones do it while their spouses are peeping at them and their lover through a keyhole, maybe even putting the whole rumpy-pumpy session on video. You can be pretty sure that if there is a biblical commandment about something (the injunction against adultery is the seventh), people will break it.

Most adults know others who have hurly-burlyed on the chaise-longue. We know it can hurt (emotionally, not physically), and that passion can overpower common sense. So what was last night's nosy first episode of a series called Adultery (BBC 2) hoping to tell us that we might not already know or have guessed?

Ray Gosling once again proves a sympathetic interviewer, cajoling confessions out of his subjects, professional enough even to dress in a way that puts his interviewees at their ease. When chatting to Andrew, a Mancunian pigeon-fancier, Ray was in woolly hat. When quizzing Neil, a plump Brummie sexual libertarian, Ray stripped and paddled gingerly in the hot tub, along with Neil.

When Scouser Claudette was unburdening herself in her kitchen about how she contained her lust for blond sailors visiting Liverpool ("I only ever went with officers, I never went below decks") to marry a seaman, but then kicked him out because he was canoodling on her doorstep ("I couldn't take him back now if he got eight draws on a coupon"), I thought sympathetic Ray was going to join Claudette in painting peach nail varnish on his fingernails. Pity there wasn't a transvestite adulterer on the show so as really to test Ray's wardrobe.

But who *were* all these people? They were adulterers or victims of adultery who answered newspaper ads from a television researcher. Are they representative of the adultering classes, or merely of the confessional or guilt-ridden adultering classes?

The producer of the series, Tamasin Day-Lewis, says she failed to find a happy adulterer. Well, adultery is messy, and even ensuring there are clean shirts at the right addresses must be a logistical nuisance. But does nobody enjoy adultery, for the sex, the *release it provides from a dead* marriage?

Or is it just that happy adulterers do not want to advertise or be found out by their spouse, so they don't answer newspaper advertisements? It was impossible to be sure from this programme.

JOE JOSEPH

RADIO REVIEW

Originals must be preserved because they are the best

Hedgehogs may not know it, but nowadays Someone is looking after them. It is the British Hedgehog Preservation Society, one of the clubs that Martin Wainwright has discovered for his delightful Radio 4 series, *In the Club* (Saturday).

It began when a Major Coles from Shropshire invented a ramp to help hedgehogs escape from cattle grids. The press reported the story, and hundreds of people wrote asking if they could join the club. There wasn't one — but after that there obviously had to be. Now a whole network of hedgehog "carers" is fighting to get the law changed to protect the creatures.

Recently a man who played golf with a broom, using a rolled-up hedgehog as the ball, was found not guilty on a cruelty charge because the animal was neither "captive" nor "domestic". Hedgehogs were around before dinosaurs, and the major wants to ensure that they will survive man.

Twenty minutes later, on Radio 3, one entered a different world. Here, on **Third Opinion**, three classical scholars were discussing various new works based on Ancient Greek originals. Yet this was a kind of club, not unlike the major's. Greek scholars have had to become a sort of Classics Preservation Society.

The starting point of the discussion was *The Marriage of Cadmus and Harmony*, a book by the Italian writer Roberto Calasso, retelling Greek myths, some familiar, some little-known, that has plunged New York intellectuals into a frenzy. Our scholars began with some polite, meaningless range-finding on it, along the lines of "It's infuriating but enchanting."

Eventually, however, they got down to better talk, and on the whole they stood together on the superiority of originals to new versions. They found Brendan Keneally's play, *The Trojan Women*, powerful and moving — but they thought Euripides much subtler. As for *The Pan Beaters*, a Caribbean version of the Phaedra story by Felix Crosse, they enjoyed the drumming, but could not find a trace of Phaedra's tragedy in it.

Had they been concerned with English classics, I think they would have been quite kind to Sue Wilson's "version" of **Dr Faustus**, the last in the present run of Marlowe's plays on Radio 3 (Sunday). She had, in fact, stayed quite close to the text as it has come down to us; her main changes were in the clowning scenes, which are clearly a corrupt stage text anyway. She rewrote some passages in plainer English, and got the composer Anthea Gomez to give us a dash of Weimar cabaret and country-and-western in the parade of the Seven Deadly Sins before Faustus.

The real trouble is that when Faustus acquires magical power, he can only find trivial things to do with it. No doubt this was one of Marlowe's points, but the result is that the whole middle of the play is padded and banal. As Faustus, Stephen Moore rose effectively to the great scenes at the beginning and the end. In the quieter moments, his voice reminded me strongly of Tony Benn's. Benn as Faustus, the doomed magician — was something being implied here?

DERWENT MAY

Keys to a fortune

ARTS BRIEFING

SIMONE Pedroni, a 24-year-old pianist from Italy, is more than $200,000 richer than he was at the beginning of the month. He has won the gold medal in the Van Cliburn piano competition in Fort Worth, Texas. Held every four years, it is probably the richest music competition in the world. Pedroni carries off some $15,000 in cash, a recording contract and two years' worth of concert engagements. A Russian, Valery Kuleshov, took the silver medal, and the bronze went to the American, Christopher Taylor. No Briton reached the final.

● CONSOLATION for newspaper journalists who fret that yesterday's scoops are only good for wrapping today's fish and chips. This Friday, six old copies of *The Times* are to be auctioned in Edinburgh; the proceeds boost the funds of the Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland. These are no ordinary copies: dating from 1793 to 1805, they report the deaths of Louis XVI and Lord Nelson. Neither of which made the front page, of course. Other items in Friday's auction (Phillips' Edinburgh saleroom, 7pm) include oil paintings by the English Impressionist Benedict Hyland.

Jazz rivals

DISGRUNTLED jazzers are mounting a challenge to the London station Jazz FM in the Radio Authority's review of franchises. A group known as Euro-Jazz (London) Ltd has announced plans to run a low-overheads operation from the premises of the Bass Clef club in Hoxton Square. Jazz FM's former programme controller, Malcolm Laycock would be in charge of output; John Dankworth is among the named advisers. The consortium has links with a Dutch-based 24-hour cable network, Euro-Jazz. A case of Red Hot Bop, perhaps.

Last chance . . .

JOHN COPLEY's long-lived (1974) production of *La Bohème*, in Julia Trevelyan Oman's hyper-realistic decor, continues to do sterling service. The latest revival boasts the Finnish soprano Karita Mattila as Musetta, and has had opera-goers with long memories hauling out their "not since Ljuba Welitsch" comparisons. Deborah Riedel is Mimi, and in the course of the run Thomas Hampson has joined the cast as Marcello in a well-rounded double-act with Jerry Hadley's Rodolfo. The excitable Daniel Oren conducts. Final performance this season is on Friday (071-240 1911/1066).

THEATRE

Hero goes the distance

Ali
Mermaid

Two new one-man-shows have opened in London this year with boxing as their subject. But where Kerry Shale in *The Set-up* described, in a score of voices, a single fight, Geoffrey C. Ewing presents, in one man's words, the story of a single fighter.

You hardly need to know or even care about the sport to recognise in Muhammad Ali, once known as Cassius Marcellus Clay, a great spirit. There have been black sporting heroes before and since but few with the grace, wit, prowess, sensational achievement and decency possessed by Ali.

He also owned the biggest, loudest, baddest mouth in the business, and was famous for his withering scorn of opponents in a sport where contestants have never been noted for pulling their verbal punches. He called himself "The Greatest" and he was right.

Ewing's performance, in the play he co-wrote with Graydon Royce, has just won him an Obie award following his successful New York run. An equivalent success here in the re-opened Mermaid is less certain, though the play has a fine story to tell and tells it pretty well except for the puzzle of who its best audience could be.

Passionate fans who can tell you every detail of the climactic round in the 'Rumble in the Jungle' (beating George Foreman for the title) or the "Thrilla in Manilla' (retaining it against Joe Frazier) may admire Ewing's footwork and even his rapid punching but are likely to feel frustrated without the frenzy of the fights themselves. The ignorant may find the play assumes knowledge they do not possess — though the unclear details explain themselves in time.

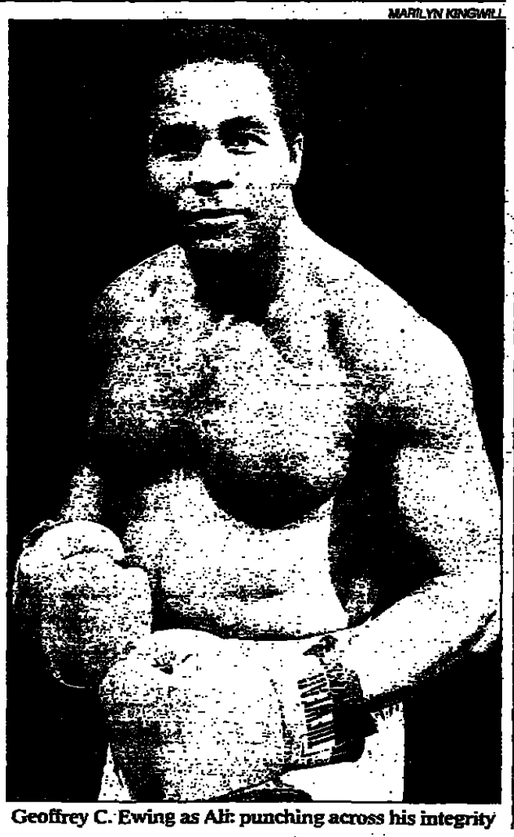
The play begins with Ali's boxing career over but his work as general benefactor still flourishing. The year is 1989 and Ewing walks in from the side, affable, moving a little slowly (Ali now suffers from Parkinson's Disease), shaking hands with the front row. It is the day after his return from Iraq (pronounced "Ee-rock") bringing 15 released hostages and he is bemused to have been called by one of them "an angel". Ewing then snaps out of the restraints of illness and is the naïve young Clay wincing at the uglier names he was called in Eisenhower's America. From this point it is a journey through the years, three times winning and losing the title, declining to fight the Vietcong. ("They never called me nigger,") a victim of the CIA, hero in black America.

The stage is one corner of a ring backed by lockers and a bench, and Stephen Henderson's direction makes good use of all parts of the stage, moving to the back to tongue-lash a pack of journalists, stepping forward to read out, with simple dignity, his statement of refusal to fight. Changes of mood are emphasised by the lighting design of Robert Bessoir.

Ewing's gestures, the lifting of his eyebrows, even the voice, are close to Ali's own, and though that extraordinary charisma inevitably eludes him the honesty of the man comes strongly across.

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MANAGEMENT

Enter the age of intelligence

The office of the future will be built to adapt to rapidly changing circumstances. **Derek Harris** reports

By the end of this decade, almost every worker in offices will have a computer terminal at their desk with multi-task capabilities, it is forecast. In many cases, however, the computer will not be for the sole use of one person. Working modules will be constructed for different types of activity and will be used on the "hot desk" principle of when actually needed by individuals for productive work.

The leading-edge office of the future will be part of an intelligent building designed for the optimum integration of people, property and technology. Intelligent buildings can, through electronic tagging and "reading", check on the location of portable property — like laptop computers — as well as the whereabouts of people.

A good working environment includes correct siting of video screens at desktops with ergonomic seating to minimise problems such as repetitive strain injury (RSI) and eye strain. Services, from lighting and air conditioning to security, are integrally controlled.

This picture of the future office emerges from work by the European Intelligent Building Group (EIBG), which includes in its membership individual professionals, from designers to quantity surveyers, as well as users, service providers and construction companies. Research contributors included Digital Equipment, the British arm of America's Digital Equipment Corporation, the computer maker and property services company.

Douglas Oughton, a director of the consulting engineers Oscar Faber and EIBG's chairman, says: "There have been some misgivings about the terminology — the intelligent building and so on. However, it is well accepted abroad and however you describe modern office concepts there is certainly increasing interest in them.

"We have to live with the fact that things change — and frequently. Office and building design should leave scope to deal with that."

He points to the now six-year-old headquarters of Rank Xerox, the Anglo-American document systems company, at Marlow in Buckinghamshire, as a successful example of the intelligent building. It has one of the highest concentrations of office technology in Europe, with more than 1,000 work-stations, artificial intelligence units, word processors and computers.

> 'Staff are looking to have more control and that will mean more loosely knit organisations in the future'

Rank Xerox, a £2.8 billion business, has 800 people in the headquarters building. As working needs have changed, the offices have been easily adapted because of the design flexibility that was built in. There is linking capability with 45,000 Rank Xerox workstations worldwide.

EIBG has organised a display, exploring what the office of the future will be like, for the Premises and Facilities Management Exhibition, which opens today and continues tomorrow at London's Olympia exhibition hall. This display, under the banner of "The Office of 1996", will be central to the exhibition, a large part of which is devoted to how the interface between people and machines can be organised more successfully.

It is part of the way that an intelligent building with state-of-art offices may not only typically save up to 30 per cent on operating costs, but also improve productivity, according to Digital, which has an exhibit demonstrating how savings can spring from having a single network control for data, voice transmission, video, security, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and energy management.

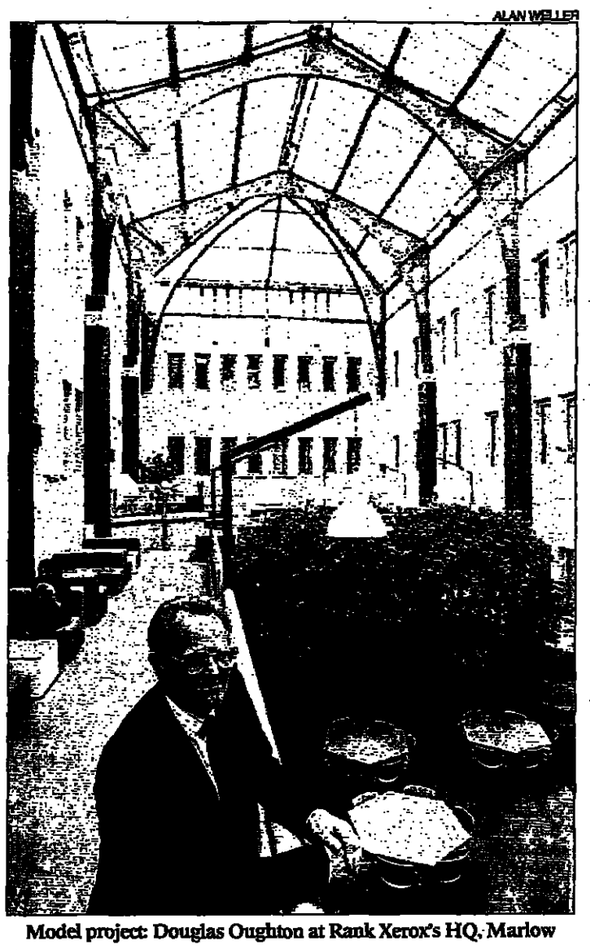
Digital has seven office buildings in Britain, which operate at various levels in the intelligent building category, among them the £30 million Crescent facility in Basingstoke, Hampshire, which last year replaced a building gutted by fire. Using a flexible working approach, a structure originally catering for 400 people accommodated on traditional lines now houses 700. It has cut Digital's bills by £2 million a year.

This is an optimum performance by an intelligent office in the estimation of Eric Loe, a partner in Northcroft, a construction costs consultant. A fully intelligent building compared to a traditional office would cost up to 60 per cent more, although there could be a considerable upgrade by adding 30 per cent, he says. Recouping the extra costs would take at the most 15 years.

A main focus, Mr Loe believes, must be the people working in the building — "they are by far the single most costly item for a company" — so as to optimise efficiency and productivity.

John Maclean, Digital's professional services marketing manager, goes along with the people approach, especially on flexibility of working. At a number of locations here and abroad, Digital has asked staff to select their own working methods, including operating mainly away from the office.

Almost 40 per cent of Digital's UK staff are working to flexible systems. Mr Maclean says: "To retain quality staff you have to give attention to their quality of life. You need the technology infrastructure to underpin that."



ALAN WELLER

Model project: Douglas Oughton at Rank Xerox's HQ, Marlow

Outsourcing companies in Europe

Rank	Company	Country of ownership	Outsourcing revenue ($m)	W.European market share (%)
1	EDS	US	550	6.4
2	Debis	Germany	447	5.2
3	IBM	US	310	3.6
4	Finsiel	Italy	289	3.4
5	Axime	France	238	2.8
6	Fiducia	Germany	229	2.7
7	Kommundata	Sweden	229	2.7
8	FDRL	US	210	2.4
9	Sligos	France	206	2.4
10	GSI	France	191	2.2
11	Cap Gemini	France	163	1.9
12	Data	Sweden	154	1.8
13	SNI	Germany	120	1.4
14	ICL	Japan	116	1.4
15	Groupe Bull	France	113	1.3
16	Raet N.V.	Netherlands	111	1.3
17	AT&T Istel	US	101	1.2
18	Sema Group	UK	100	1.2
19	FTLIS	France	96	1.1
20	Debis Systemhaus	Germany	90	1.0

Source: Datamonitor

A marriage of convenience

The role of outsourcing is poised to expand over the next few years

Facilities management is emerging throughout Europe as one of the fastest growing sectors of the computer software and services industry. This is a key conclusion of a new report on information technology outsourcing in Europe by Datamonitor, a consultancy specialising in the sector.

The present annual growth rate is put at 16-17 per cent while the most rapidly developing segment is identified as applications outsourcing. Annual growth there is estimated at 20 per cent, possibly as much as 25 per cent.

This is happening because technological developments have been so rapid over the past ten years that a large amount of applications software is increasingly needing extension or replacement. Applications can range from word processing packages to spreadsheets and accountancy but are frequently scaled up to the mainframe level.

The survey has also pinpointed "significant" concern in information technology departments of companies about the use of facilities management as an outsourcing technique. The survey said: "A frequent question asked is whether an organisation by turning to facilities management would be losing one of its core functions."

Facilities management companies have tackled this by gaining their customer's confidence through first offering a limited service based in the customer's own premises. In theory, this allows a user to get to know the benefits of outsourcing without giving away complete control of its information technology activities.

A joint venture with appropriate shareholdings is a version of this approach which has proved attractive, says the report.

The snag for the facilities management supplier will arise if it cannot centralise all computer facilities so as to achieve economies of scale. The hope, however, is that once a customer's confidence has been built up, more control will be ceded to the supplier.

The survey envisages more use of facilities management organisations to oversee, for a limited time, changeovers from one hardware system to another or a switch in software.

What the specialists in information technology outsourcing should now be setting their sights on is a likely post-recession trend for companies to re-engineer their operations, according to Gary Shepherd, chairman of the Computing Service Association's facilities management special interest group.

The negative reaction of some to outsourcing goes back to the way it was seen during the recession as a way to cut costs and overheads, maintains Mr Shepherd. It does do that, but the reputable outsourcer concentrates on value for money, which means deploying the skills which can help a client to plan and build future success.

"Companies with vision are now thinking more about ways of improving overall business performance to gain a competitive edge," Mr Shepherd said. "Companies with the clearest sight of all are looking at business re-engineering as a means of gaining that edge."

He sees re-engineering as step-by-step improvements in organisational performance. Approaches and methods can vary, but he maintains that the task always involves re-structuring of operations around business processes. That can be achieved by strategic use of information technology.

One example would be getting products and services to a marketplace more quickly, improving quality and focusing more sharply on customer needs. It is possible to cut cycle times in processes, improve stock control and streamline order processing.

Mr Shepherd said: "The outsourcing relationship can be likened to marriage. Once the partnership is firm, then sensible business-focused decision-making can result in tangible benefits for both parties."

DEREK HARRIS

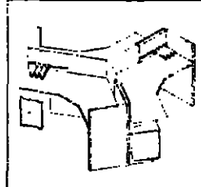
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Food for thought: employees who eat in staff canteens are more likely to eat a balanced, healthy diet than those who eat away from work

Catering for the staff

Most British companies providing staff catering could make real cost savings while maintaining or even improving the service, says a guide issued by Sutcliffe Catering Group.

It claims that many directors do not know the true cost of providing the service because some costs, such as training or processing invoices, are often hidden within the budgets of other departments.

The Sutcliffe survey comes after news from the British Hospitality Association that contract catering is expanding at about 10 per cent a year, with companies paying outside caterers more than £1.5 billion a year.

Although fewer companies took meals last year in the industrial sector, which forms the traditional base of outside caterers, the number of meals served actually increased by 12 per cent.

Meanwhile, helped by privatisation, caterers are expanding into fresh fields such as health and education.

Sutcliffe says that many companies are realising that where staff leave a site for meals they tend to lose precious minutes by returning late, minutes that add up over several months. A leading British car producer has estimated that each minute lost by its workforce costs £17,000.

Providing better facilities could cut the costs of canteens, **Rodney Hobson** says

Employees working in a staff canteen are more likely to get a healthy, balanced diet. Those going outside are more likely to eat snacks and consume alcohol.

Sutcliffe says: "During a recession, when many organisations are forced to lay staff off, it becomes even more critical to gain the support, loyalty and motivation of those who remain."

It says that the cost of entertaining visitors will be reduced if there are catering facilities on site.

Despite the benefits of providing catering facilities, most companies have become conscious of the cost. Tricon Food Services, a consultant, found that the average subsidy per employee is £166 a year and falling.

The Industrial Society claims that nine out of ten employers charge enough for the meals to cover the cost of the food itself. Only 62 per cent did so in 1981.

However, the hidden costs of catering are not always appreciated. Sutcliffe cites executive time in managing facilities, administration costs, and the provision of heating and light as areas where costs are absorbed into other budgets.

Many companies do not realise that the higher prices charged in the executive dining room subsidise the cheaper staff canteen, and have no idea how much is spent on working lunches, teas and coffees issued as part of company hospitality.

Catering staff costs are normally the largest part of any catering subsidy and companies should establish how long the present staffing structure has been in place and whether it has kept pace with any changes in the number of staff on the site, or in levels of demand on the catering service.

Sutcliffe asks: "It is likely that staff productivity in the rest of the company has improved over recent years. But has catering staff productivity similarly been examined?

"There seems little point in retaining a facility if a large percentage of staff decline to use it. The less it is patronised, the more the cost per user will rise.

"Because staff catering is often regarded as a necessary but unwelcome overhead, there may be a tendency to overlook the opportunities for improved revenue from the same cost structure."

It says that improving the service, the quality of food and the level of presentation will result in a dramatic increase in the number of meals served. Many companies find staff are more willing than expected to pay higher prices for better value and quality.

Sutcliffe says: "It is a common misconception that the only route to cutting costs is to reduce the extent of the facilities on offer. But in many locations subsidy costs can be cut by increasing the facilities and variety on offer."

Other suggestions include sharing facilities with neighbouring companies within the same building or trading estate to share overheads, and cashless payment systems with pre-paid magnetic cards to cut lunchtime queues at the tills.

Pre-paid cards increase impulse buying because the ability to purchase does not depend on the employees carrying plenty of change around with them.

Making the most, and best, of waste

Even well-run companies ignore a fundamental principle of management when they are dealing with the disposal of waste: all areas of potential cost or profit should be the subject of a clear business strategy, *Rodney Hobson writes.*

Perhaps because waste is unwanted, the management of refuse has been widely ignored. Such attitudes are likely to end as directors come to recognise their increased responsibilities and to see the potential value of waste.

Britain's annual waste mountain, big enough to fill every truck on a six-lane motorway from London to Tokyo, will increase unless the nation comes to grips with the issue, according to a report by one of the country's biggest waste management companies.

Biffa Waste Services, part of the Severn Trent water utility, says the UK is ignoring the issue of waste, is unaware of the options for dealing with it and is failing to come to terms with the scale of the problem.

John Leaman, of MORI, which carried out research for the report, says: "This could leave Britain disappearing under a huge waste mountain as disposal facilities dwindle. While society may see no need to come to terms with its waste, this attitude could spell trouble for company managers."

The Environmental Protection Act 1990 makes directors personally responsible for the safe disposal of their firm's waste. Those who fail to do so face unlimited fines or even imprisonment. The act even imposes on directors the duty to check that their waste carrier is registered and that the disposal site is licensed to take the appropriate classes of waste the company generates.

Management needs to recognise its responsibilities when companies produce waste

The government proposes to establish an environment agency to cover Britain's 3,000 waste companies. Monitoring at present is virtually limited to the top 12.

MORI found that most managers felt that compliance with the act was important, but three out of every five were not aware of the penalties they may face if they get it wrong. More worryingly, one in ten did not know anything about the act or its implications.

Martin Bettington, managing director of Biffa, says: "Our report shows that Britain is avoiding its responsibilities when it comes to waste. Industry reflects this attitude but it can no longer afford to do so. Waste must be on the agenda of every boardroom in the country."

Biffa, based at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, is the largest industrial and commercial waste collection and disposal company in Britain with turnover of £101 million. It operates 51 collection service centres, of which 18 are operated under local authority refuse contracts. Biffa is also the biggest landfill operator with 23 licensed sites. It handles more than seven million tonnes of waste and 60 million litres of liquid waste.

Managers need to work out their best method of tackling waste. MORI found that many companies failed to gain any commercial benefit from their waste and few learnt any lessons from how their competitors tackled the issue.

Mr Bettington says: "What makes the issue even more pressing is that waste is set to be the next area of competitive advantage since companies can gain financial benefits by adopting waste management strategies. Unfortunately for UK plc, few companies are doing this."

The best method of dealing with waste is to create less in the first place through proper management of resources and of the production process. Recycling has been an answer to waste, although it has become less attractive because there is a glut of recycled materials and market values have fallen.

Laws in Germany create high targets for recycling regardless of the cost of collection and disposal.

Landfill sites are a third alternative and they have the advantage of allowing the recovery of land previously used for quarrying and can be used to produced gas. The fourth choice, particularly with paper products, is incineration.

● The Institute of Wastes Management's annual conference and exhibition continues today and tomorrow at Torbay, Devon. This year's theme is "Towards 2000 — the future of wastes management".

A smooth Texaco move

THE oil company Texaco has completed the move of 1,000 headquarters staff from several small London offices to Westferry Circus at Canary Wharf. The Docklands building is state-of-art with 800 workstations having electronic desktops each with a terminal. Their basic footprint is standard but managerial units have enlarged work surface areas to accommodate meetings.

Fire system at Guy's

A CONTRACT worth more than £750,000 for installing a fire detection system at Guy's Hospital, London, has gone to Zettler UK, based in Northwood, west London. Zettler's system, which is used in other hospitals, should be fully installed by December.

More time to change

REFORMS to competitive tendering procedures have been urged on the government by the Cleaning and Support Services Association (CSSA). A discussion paper sent to ministers calls for longer contract periods than the usual three years. This is because labour cost reductions can best be achieved by natural wastage or a negotiated reorganisation. The longer the contract term, the more a contractor can be sure of achieving savings and so could tender more competitively, the CSSA suggests. A minimum contract period of five years with an option to renegotiate a further two years before retendering is suggested by the CSSA.

Mail sorted out

THE national heritage department has contracted out its £250,000 mailroom operations to the London-based Mailroom Management Services. Such a move is unusual because mail operations are normally included in wider drawn outsourcing deals covering a range of services.

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Ireland ready to claim pole position

FROM PETER BALL IN VILNIUS

IF IRELAND can achieve *their third successive* away win in a three-week spell against Lithuania here this evening, they will do more than set an Irish record. The win will send them *into their summer break* as favourites to qualify for the World Cup finals with a two-point lead over their nearest rivals in qualifying group three.

Jack Charlton, the Ireland manager, is cautious by nature, but even he admits that his side are well-placed. "If we can win these next two games tomorrow and the return in Dublin *in September*," he said, "I think we'll be virtually there.

"A win will put pressure on Spain and they might miss out, because I expect Denmark to qualify, but if we lose, that will put the pressure back on us."

Charlton has long said that Ireland's first meeting with Lithuania will be the hardest of the games *against the second-class* teams in the group, and he was less than thrilled to have had to play them in mid-June.

Thus far, Ireland have overcome those problems successfully. All the players were fit yesterday and Charlton was able to name an unchanged team after training in Vilnius yesterday evening.

That means that Alan Kernaghan, who is looking for a Premier League club, has again been preferred to Kevin Moran, who is securely settled at Blackburn Rovers, and David O'Leary, who has a queue of clubs hoping for his signature.

It emerged yesterday, however, that the Lithuanians' three best players — Arminas Narbekovas, Robertas Fridrikas and Valdas Ivanauskas — have been refused permission to play in the game by their Austrian club unless the Lithuanian FA meets a sizeable insurance premium, which has so far been refused.

IRELAND: P Bonner (Celtic); D Irwin (Manchester United), P McGrath (Aston Villa), A Kernaghan (Middlesbrough), T Phelan (Manchester City), R Houghton (Aston Villa), R Keane (Nottingham Forest), A Townsend (Chelsea), S Staunton (Aston Villa), J Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers), N Quinn (Manchester City)

GROUP THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	9	5	3	1	18	2	13
Ireland	8	5	3	0	14	2	13
Denmark	8	4	4	0	9	1	12
N Ireland	9	4	2	3	17	11	10
Lithuania	9	2	2	5	4	14	7
Latvia	11	0	5	6	4	21	5
Albania	10	1	2	7	5	20	4

REMAINING FIXTURES: Today: Lithuania v Ireland. Aug 25: Denmark v Lithuania. Sep 8: Albania v Denmark; N Ireland v Latvia, Ireland v Lithuania. Sep 22: Albania v Spain. Oct 13: Ireland v Spain, Denmark v N Ireland. Nov 17: N Ireland v Ireland, Spain v Denmark.

Scot plans to put record straight on his return to US Open

Montgomerie senses his chance

BY JOHN HOPKINS GOLF CORRESPONDENT

IAN STEWART



Looking good: Montgomerie likes what he has seen of this year's US Open course at Baltusrol

WHAT a difference a year makes. On California's Monterey Peninsula in June last year, Jack Nicklaus shook Montgomerie warmly by the hand and said: "Congratulations Colin. How does it feel to be the new US Open champion?".

Actually, he was not. It merely appeared that way to Nicklaus, who was commentating on television. It was mid-afternoon, the wind had risen and Montgomerie's last round of 70, two under par, at Pebble Beach looked as though it would be good enough for him to lift the handsome trophy. The leaders were far out on the course and had the more difficult inward holes still to contend with.

Ultimately, however, both Tom Kite and Jeff Sluman beat Montgomerie. The big Scot was the nearly man then and *he remains the nearly* man today, the player who can come second, third or any other place you care to mention, but cannot win, or at least not very often. Since he turned professional in 1987, he has finished first only twice, although he has had six second-place finishes in the past 18 months alone.

"It's getting on my nerves all this coming second," Montgomerie said. "Every time I play well it seems that someone else plays better." Even in the Scottish professional championship, he was pipped by Sam Torrance.

"Pebble Beach was my most unfortunate second," Montgomerie said on the eve of this year's US Open at Baltusrol, conveniently overlooking the fact that he was in fact third. "People said I was fortunate to cover the first six holes in level par while it was still calm. They seem to forget that I covered the next 12 holes in two under par in the wind.

"It was good for me, that performance *in California*," Montgomerie continued. "I went back to the Scottish Open and should have won that. I was on a roll."

Montgomerie had his first look at Baltusrol early yesterday morning. His tee-off time in Thursday's opening round is just after 7am, so he began his first practice round at the same time to give himself an idea of what it felt like. Playing alone, a solitary figure in a blue shirt accompanied only by his caddie, he sped around the lower course at the famous New Jersey club and was back in the clubhouse soon after mid-morning.

He liked what he had seen. "*It's long and difficult* and there may be only one birdie chance on the course and that's 18," he said, "but I think a European can win here. This course demands great iron play. Because the rough is not so severe, it has taken away the Americans' advantage around the greens."

This advantage, Montgomerie said, came from the way the Americans practised before each round. "We Europeans are better iron players in quality of striking, but the average American putts better than the average European. We spend 45 minutes hitting balls on the range and ten minutes putting before we go *to the first tee. They do it the* other way round. We should do it the other way round too."

The weather in New Jersey so far this week has been sunny and relatively free of humidity. The 7,152-yard course is playing long. The shortest par four is 374 yards and there are five par fours that are 450 yards or longer. The 17th is 630 yards to a raised green.

Montgomerie, not a long hitter, hit a driver and a three iron and was 74 yards short of the 17th green (and thus nearly 100 yards short of the flag) in two strokes. "Only John Daly can reach it in two," Montgomerie said, "and then *only on his way to an 84*."

A European has not won the US Open since Tony Jacklin in 1970. Nick Faldo went closest when he was defeated by Curtis Strange in a play-off at The Country Club at Brookline, near Boston, in 1988. Ian Woosnam finished joint-second in 1989.

Sandy Lyle and Severiano Ballesteros are the only Europeans competing this year who were here at Baltusrol the last time the US Open was staged, when Nicklaus won his fourth national Open. Neither Lyle nor Ballesteros had a distinguished championship. The Spaniard was late on the tee for the start of his second *round and was disqualified*, while Lyle lasted for two rounds in his first US Open but failed to beat the cut. He is not bursting with confidence this year having finished badly in the fourth round of the Honda Open in Hamburg last Sunday, by his own admission wasting a lot of good golf.

Wolverhampton sign Thomas for £800,000

BY CHRIS MOORE

GEOFF Thomas, the England midfield player, yesterday changed his mind and joined Wolverhampton Wanderers from Crystal Palace for £800,000. *Only 24 hours earlier* Thomas had turned down a move to Molineux following a week of talks with the Wolves manager, Graham Turner, saying he wanted to play in the Premier League.

But after further consideration, he completed the deal to become Turner's second big signing in six days following David Kelly's arrival from Newcastle United for a fee of £750,000.

Both deals were financed from the personal fortune of the first division club's multi-millionaire owner and president, Sir Jack Hayward, who is based in the Bahamas. He *informed Turner last week* there were no restrictions on his spending power.

"I've told him to go out and strengthen the team to get us into the Premier League," Hayward, who has also covered the entire cost of Wolves' new £14.5-million stadium, said.

Thomas, who began his career at Crewe Alexandra, won the last of his nine England caps against France last year.

Wales future under threat

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE resignation, yesterday, of Jim Mills, the national team manager, could initiate a players' boycott and bring about the demise of the Wales rugby league team. Mills resigned over the decision by the sport's *international board to exclude* Wales from the eight-nation World Cup in 1995.

Suggestions by players that they might pull out of the international against New Zealand in October now threaten to grow into a full-scale revolt in support of Mills. He is incensed that the Rugby Football League (RFL) did not press for the inclusion of Wales in the tournament.

Mills, a popular figure with his players, said he understood the misgivings about Wales's diminishing strength with the supply of rugby union converts all but dried up, but that was no reason to include Western Samoa, Tonga and Fiji, all weaker nations, ahead *of Wales*.

"Even South Africa, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Cook Islands have been put on standby," Mills said. "We are a proud nation who have been treated like second class citizens."

Jonathan Davies, the Wales captain, said the players were angry and bewildered at the exclusion and would be meeting to consider their position. "We're due to play New Zealand and France next season, but this decision has stripped us of dignity and some might question the point of going on," he said.

The RFL, however, may have made the right decision. *The folly of separate England* and Wales sides was illustrated by their lack of impact in the 1975 World Cup. The considerable opportunities for development of the game presented by the centenary tournament in Britain will be better grasped by a strong representative side from Great Britain.

Since their reformation in 1991, Wales have beaten France, twice, and Papua New Guinea and lost to England.

High priest of havoc cashes in by raising hell



Simon Barnes finds American basketball's most unlikely role model enjoying life on his terms

Let us start with the strongest quote from the latest press conference with "Sir" Charles Barkley: "I see America through the eyes of a victim. I don't see any American dream. I see an American nightmare."

That was written on the back of the reporter in front of me, a guy in a Malcolm X T-shirt. Barkley, heart and soul of the Phoenix Suns as they attempt to claw their way back into the National Basketball Association finals, does not often see himself as a victim — and then, mainly a victim of hypocrisy.

"I am not a role model," he said. "It's not my job to raise your kids. My job is to wreak havoc on a basketball court." This is an interesting statement, but it acquired a good deal of topspin when it was used as an advertisement for a brand of plimsolls. Barkley, wearer of the no-hair haircut, has invented himself as the non-role-model role model.

The role model business affects most cultures that make a big thing of athletic heroes, but perhaps the athlete-as-role-model business appears most strongly in the United States. Here, athletes are rather expected to support "family values", often an American euphemism for right-wing political alignment. There is a great pressure for the athlete to *line up with suburban mid*dle-class expectations and most of them do. After all, that is where the money is and that is where most of the endorsements are aimed. "Don't get no paraplegics in Pepsi commercials," Mike Tyson once remarked.

Barkley spelled it out: "What's particularly frustrating to me is that some athletes go out of their way to portray themselves as 'good' people — you know who they are, they smile on billboards and they sell cereal on television — so that the subtle message is that people like me [who speak their mind no matter the consequences and try to be honest with the public] are 'bad' people."

It is a favourite theme of *his and has been for years*. Barkley, 30 this year, plays with extraordinary, blazing intensity. It was his performance, wounded arm and all, that took the Suns back into contention in this best-of-seven championship series. The Suns now stand 2-1 down to the Chicago Bulls, with game four tonight.

Barkley's reputation as an athlete is assured. So is his fortune. "If someone doesn't like me for being honest, hell, I don't care. Maybe we've all become so scared of reality that we force ourselves to like and respect only those people who say the things we want to hear, rather than those who try and speak the truth."

And again: "Hell, I know drug dealers who can dunk a basketball. Can drug dealers be role models too?" It is all powerful stuff, but it becomes curiously ambivalent when it is tagged on to a multi-million-buck advertising campaign.

One of Barkley's most persistent themes is his rejection of America's sporting credo, as laid down by Vince *Lombardi, the American* football coach: "Winning isn't the most important thing. It's the only thing."

"He takes basketball a little too seriously," Barkley said of a team-mate. "It's just a game. A basketball game's not that important. Just have fun, baby. Life is fun."

Barkley is a performer. A row of microphones rouses him to mad excesses. A big basketball game inspires him to a demented level of commitment and skill. Basketball is not quite the most popular sport in America — American football is — but *the top names in the game* — Barkley and especially Michael Jordan — are emphatically the biggest names in sports endorsements.

They do not wear masks, like footballers, and their faces are all over the screen during the mad intensity of a big basketball game. Barkley's extraordinarily combative nature seizes the imagination by the scruff of its neck.

The strong public statements are really just an additional bonus, in terms of image-making. In his determination to see life beyond a ball-game, he can remind you of the tortured statements of Boris Becker.

But there is nothing tortured about Barkley: "I'm a black millionaire, baby. A black *multi*-millionaire." He has determinedly rejected the hypocrisy of the *squeaky-clean* role-model athlete, but he has discovered that this rejection is itself highly marketable.

Corporate America is not even rattled by Barkley, as it was by, say, Muhammad Ali. Corporate America has taken Barkley on board. It leaves one wondering just how far it is possible to go, both philosophically and politically, if you look cool and can slam-dunk a basketball.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

NEW YORK: Mini-marathon (10km): Women: 1, T Loroupo (Kan), 32min 31sec; 2, C Schumulow (Aus), 32:49, 3, L Ondieki (Aus), 33:01

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia 10, Montreal 3, New York Mets 7, Atlanta 4; Chicago Cubs 6, Florida 3, St Louis 8, Pittsburgh 3, Los Angeles 9, Colorado 4

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit 7, Cleveland 3, New York Yankees 4, Boston 0; Baltimore 8, Milwaukee 5, Minnesota 4, Toronto 3; California 8, Texas 2, Seattle 6, Kansas City 3, Oakland 7, Chicago White Sox 3

GLIDING

BORLANGE, Sweden: World championships: Second day: Open (304.1km poly): 1, J Andersen (Den), Nimbus 4, 103.66kph, 973pts; 2, G As (Swe), ASW22BL, 103.39, 971, 3, G Lhotm (Fr), Nimbus 4, 103.23, 968 British: 4, B Spreckley, ASH25, 100.96, 950; 6, A Kay, ASH25, 97.14, 919. 15m (295.1km poly): 1, M Theisinger (Ger), LS6A, 96.93, 1,000pts; 2, M Wells (GB), LS6C, 94.9, 983, 3, J Wills (GB), LS6, 94.61, 980 Standard (217.7km poly): 1, S Baer (Neth), ASW24, 88.74, 781; 2, B Obrist (Switz), LS7, 85.2, 767, 3, M Pozniak (Pol), SZD55, 80.7, 749 British: 6, C Rollings, SZD55, 79.49, 744; 20, A Davis, Discus B, 213km, 650. 37, D Watt, ASW24, 194.4, 593.

Overall positions (provisional): Open: 1, As, 1,897pts; 2, Andersen, 1,798; 3, P Bourgard (Bel), Nimbus 3, 1,777 British: 6, Spreckley, 1,715; 9, Kay, 1,695. 15m: 1, Theisinger, 1,891; 2, Wills, 1,861; 3, Wells, 1,844. Standard: 1, L Bigliardon (It), Discus, 1,487; 2, J Som (Fin), LS7, 1,470; 3, E Ziegler (Ger), Discus, 1,449 British: 8, Davis, 1,368; 12, Rollings, 1,340; 36, Watt, 1,152.

YACHTING

GUERNSEY: Rolex Swan European regatta: First race: First division: 1, Maid of Lisa (G Meredin, Folkestone), 3hr 51min 49sec; 2, Checkersack (K Miller, Edinburgh), 3.58:37; 3, Wet n' Wilde (A Wilde, Guernsey), 4:02:52. Second division: 1, Gandalf Wight Sourcerer (D Wood, Hants), 4:08.24; 2, Assuage (T Robinson, Hants), 4:15:22; 3, Nina (E Loopman, Holl), 4:22:10.

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WARWICKSHIRE

A J Moles b Ellison	79
J D Ratcliffe c Lyons b Trimby	37
R G Twose c Malik b Ellison	11
D P Ostler not out	23
T L Penney not out	16
Extras (w 1, nb 10)	11
Total (3 wkts dec)	177

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-108, 2-135, 3-136.

P A Smith, †P C L Holloway, N M K Smith, P A Booth, M A V Bell and *T A Munton did not bat.

BOWLING: Jeh 13-1-49-0; Gallian 8-2-29-0; Yeabsley 6-1-26-0; Trimby 18-6-33-1; Ellison 11-1-40-2.

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R R Montgomerie c Ostler b Munton	6
*† J E R Gallian c Ostler b Booth	20
G B T Lovell low b Twose	39
C L Keay c Twose b N M K Smith	9
H Malik c P A Smith b Twose	9
†C W J Lyons not out	27
R Yeabsley low b Twose	0
M Jeh not out	4
Extras (b 2, lb 1, w 1)	4
Total (6 wkts)	118

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-40, 3-63, 4-78, 5-91, 6-91.

G I MacMillan, B Ellison and P Trimby did not bat.

Bowling: Bell 5-0-22-0, Munton 5-3-6-1; Booth 11-5-16-1, P A Smith 6-0-21-0, N M K Smith 10-4-16-1; Twose 6-0-34-3.

Umpires: H D Bird and P Adams.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Sherborne: Dorset 202-3 dec and 154-2 dec (T Richings 68 not out); Wales 129 and 228-4 (A C Puddio 97, A W Harris 88). Wales won by 6 wkts. Carlisle: Cumberland 175-8 dec and 275-4 dec (D J Pearson 101); Lincolnshire 211-2 dec and 192-7 (R Evans 83). Match drawn. Stalybridge: Cheshire v Cornwall. No play, rain.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: South Africa B 35, France XV 22 (in East London)

TENNIS

ROEHAMPTON: Wimbledon qualifying tournament: Men's singles: First round: M Keil (US) bt C Garner (US), 6-2, 6-4; D Dilucia (US) bt K Jones (US), 6-3, 6-2; T Nydahl (Swe) bt A Radulescu (Ger), 6-3, 6-3; C Lumberger (Aus) bt M Laurendeau (Can), 6-1, 6-4; D Poliakov (Russ) bt A Richardson (GB), 6-4, 6-3; M Joyce (US) bt P Albertsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-3; S Lareau (Can) bt C Tarantino (Sp), 6-1, 6-3; D Dier (Ger) bt N Marques (Por), 7-6, 6-4; B Larkham (Aus) bt D Adams (Aus), 6-3, 6-4; O Knutsenson (Swe) bt N Gould (GB), 4-6, 7-6, 7-5; S Huet (Fr) bt F Rosse (Br), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; P Hand (GB) bt M Rush (Ven), 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; N Kroon (Swe) bt F Cousin (Fr), 7-5, 6-2.

Women's singles: First round: J Byrne (Aus) bt J Limmer (Aus), 6-0, 6-1; C Weglink (Holl) bt J Salmon (GB), 6-4, 6-4; L Ahl (GB) bt P O'Malley (US), 7-5, 6-2; E Sawcki (It) bt R de los Rios (Par), 6-0, 6-3; E Negatsen (US) bt A Smith (GB), 6-2, 6-2; A Sugiyama (Japan) bt S Sabas (Fr), 6-4, 6-2; E Bond (GB) bt E Jelis (GB), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; M Munsa-Jagerman (Holl) bt C Tessi (Arg), 6-4, 6-2; A Hirose (Japan) bt R Grande (It), 6-3, 6-1; K Redford (Aus) bt A Mueller (Ger), 6-4, 6-2; L Field (Aus) bt A Carlsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-4; T Knzan (Slo) bt T Morton (Aus), 6-4, 7-6; D van Reneburgh (SA) bt J Steven (US), 4-6, 6-1, 6-0; J Richardson (NZ) bt E Sviglerova (Cz), 6-2, 6-4, M Cochia (Ger) bt E Burgin (US), 6-1, 6-3.

M Paz (Arg) bt M Miyauchi (Japan), 6-7, 7-6, 6-2; S Timmons (US) bt L Niemanyverdries (Holl), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; L Courtois (Bel) bt E Makarova (Cis), 6-3, 6-2; C McGregor (US) bt A Davies (Bel), 6-3, 6-2; N Pratt (Aus) bt D Faber (US), 6-7, 6-1, 6-1; S Amiach (Fr) bt K Adams (US), 6-1, 5-7, 6-3; M Yanagi (Japan) bt S Collins (US), 7-6, 6-2; S Park (Kor) bt M Strandlund (Swe), 7-5, 6-4; S McCarthy (US) bt A Henrickson (US), 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; T Price (SA) bt S Freye (Ger), 2-6, 6-4; T Pica (SA) bt S Freye (Ger), 2-6, 7-5, 6-2; T Whittington (US) bt L Schaerer (Per), 6-4, 6-3; M Kidowski (Japan) bt K Godridge (Aus), 6-7, 6-4, 6-1; V Lake (GB) bt P Thoren (Fin), 6-2, 7-5; L Golarse (It) bt S Lohmann (Ger), 6-1, 6-0; E DeLone (US) bt Y Kemlo (Japan), 6-2, 6-0; M McGrath (US) bt C Billingham (GB), 6-4, 6-1; K Sharpe (Aus) bt M Kane (Holl), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

EASTBOURNE: Volkswagen Cup: Women: First round: H Sukova (Cz) bt L Harvey-Wild (US), 6-1, 6-2; G Sabatini (Arg) bt P Paradis-Mangon (Fr), 6-3, 6-2; M J Fernandez (US) bt S-A Siddall (GB), 6-4, 7-5; L Nelland (Lat) bt A Grunfeld (GB), 6-3, 6-2; G Helgeson (US) bt S Testud (Fr), 6-2, 6-2; M Oremans (Holl) bt C Rubin (US), 6-2, 6-3; C Porwik (Ger) bt N Dahlman (Fin), 7-6, 6-2; M Navratilova (US) bt R Dragomir (Rom), 6-1, 6-2; J Durie (Eng) bt E Likhovtseva (Kaz), 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; P Shriver (US) bt K Boogert (Holl), 6-4, 6-2; N Tauziat (Fr) bt J-A Faull (Aus), 6-3, 6-1; M Bindo (Japan) bt L Davenport (US), 7-5, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3; M Javer (GB) bt M Wardel (US), 6-4, 7-5; K Date (Japan) bt R Hiraki (Japan), 6-3, 6-4; L McNeil (US) bt C Wood (GB), 6-4, 6-1; I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt R McQuillan (Aus), 3-6, 6-1, 7-6; R White (US) bt N Arendt (US), 6-2, 6-4; Z Garrison-Jackson (US) bt S Basuki (Indo), 7-5, 6-2; P Hy (Can) bt E Reinach (SA), 6-0, 5-7, 6-1; K Po (US) bt A Gavaldon (Mex), 6-3, 6-2; N Provis (Aus) bt A Sviglerova (Cz), 7-6, 6-4, M Bollegraf (Holl) bt C Suire (Fr), 6-7, 7-6, 6-0; T Whitlinger (US) bt E Brioukhovets (Ukr), 0-6, 7-6, 6-4. Second round: Helgeson bt M J Fernandez, 6-2, 6-2.

MANCHESTER: Direct Line insurance tournament: Men: First round: H Holm (Swe) bt B Steven (NZ), 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; N Pereira (Ven) bt A O'Brien (US), 6-7, 6-3, 7-5; J Bates (GB) bt B Black (Zim), 3-6, 6-3, 7-5; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt B Shelton (US), 6-4, 6-4; D Norman (Belarus) bt J Palmer (US), 6-1, 7-6; R Frombsey (Aus) bt D Vacek (Cz), 6-4, 7-6; C Wilkinson (GB) bt J Frana (Arg), 7-5, 6-4; P Pach (Fr) bt M Rosset (Switz), 6-1, 6-4; J Balogh (Hol) bt R Gilbert (Fr), 6-3, 6-3; G Raoux (Fr) bt G Pozzi (It), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; A Jarryd (Swe) bt L Herrera (Mex), 7-6, 6-7, 6-4; C Bailey (GB) bt M Washington (US), 7-6, 6-2.

HALLE, Germany: Men's tournament: First round: A Medvedev (Ukr) bt J Stemmink (Holl), 7-6, 6-3; P Korda (Cz) bt J Tarango (US), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; R Reneberg (US) bt A Thorne (Ger), 7-6, 6-3; A Olhovsky (Russ) bt J Hlasek (Switz), 7-6, 6-4; C-U Steeb (Ger) bt A Agassi (US), 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.

FOOTBALL

World Cup

Group three

Lithuania v Ireland (in Vilnius, 6.30) .....

Group four: Faeroe Islands v RCS (in Toftir).

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Shildon: Durham v Nottinghamshire. Chelmsford: Essex v Leicestershire. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire. Southampton: Hampshire v Kent. Uxbridge (RAF Vine Lane): Middlesex v Glamorgan. The Oval: Surrey v Warwickshire.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Beaconsfield: Buckinghamshire v Northumberland. Brewood: Staffordshire v Cambridgeshire. Stalybridge: Cheshire v Cornwall.

OTHER SPORT

CROQUET: Men's and women's championships (Cheltenham).

LACROSSE: England v Johns Hopkins University (Bath University, 2.30).

POLO: Royal Windsor Cup (Guards).

RUGBY UNION: Taranaki v British Isles (New Plymouth).

TENNIS: Direct Line Insurance Manchester Open (Oldsbory): Volkswagen Cup (Eastbourne).

Royal Ascot

Going: good to soft

2.30 QUEEN ANNE STAKES (Group II: £53,104: 1m str)

ALFLORA b c Ninisld - Adriana (Circlechart Ltd) 4-9-2 M J Kinane (20-1) 1.

Inner City ch c Bob Back - Heartland (Sheikh Mohammed) 4-9-2 M Roberts (6-4 fav) 2.

Hazaam b e Blushing Groom - Sonic Lady (Sheikh Mohammed) 4-9-2 W R Swinburn (11-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 5 Catrail (5th), Alhijaz (6th), 11 Swing Low (4th), 16 Calling Collect, 20 Feminine Wiles, 40 Powerful Edge. 9 ran. NR: Factual. Nk, 1¼l, ¾l, 3½l, ¾l, C Britain st Nawmires. Tote: £20.10; £3.30, £1.30, £3.10. DF: £17.20. Trio: £57.10. CSF: £44.78. 1min 43.18sec.

3.05 PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES (Group II: £57,379: 1m 2f)

PLACERVILLE b c Mr Prospector - Classy Cathy (K Abdulla) 3-8-4 Pat Eddery (11-2) 1.

Urban Sea ch f Miswaki - Allegretta (D Tsui) 4-9-0 C Asmussen (8-1) 2.

Emperor Jones b c Danzig - Out Royalty (Sheikh Mohammed) 3-8-4 R Cochrane (10-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 5-1 jt-fav George Augustus (4th), Ezzoud, 11-2 Young Senor, 9 Enharmonic (5th), 14 Lucky Lindy, 20 Young Buster (6th), 33 Via Pergi, Spartan Shareef. 11 ran. NR: Great Palm. Nk, ¾l, nk, 2l, sh hd. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £6.90; £2.00, £3.00, £4.60. DF: £33.70. Trio: £129.20. CSF: £42.17. 2min 6.85sec.

3.45 ST JAMES'S PALACE STAKES (Group I: 3-Y-O: £116,334: 1m rnd)

KINGMAMBO b c Mr Prospector - Miesque (S Nlarchos) 9-0 C Asmussen (2-5 fav) 1.

Needle Gun b c Sure Blade - Lucayan Princess (S Manana) 9-0 M Roberts (13-2) 2.

Ventiquattrofogli b c Persian Bold - Indian Alleria (Gerecon Ipsia) 9-0 W Carson (16-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 5 Wharf (4th), 4 ran. 1½l, ¾l, 3l. F Boutin in France. Tote: £1.50; DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.14. 1min 44.05sec. Attar & stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.20 COVENTRY STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O: £26,766: 6f)

STONEHATCH ch c Storm Bird - Lively Living (R Sangster) 8-13 J Reid (Evens fav; Richard Evans's nap and Private Handicapper's top rating) 1.

Polish Laughter b c Danzig Connection - Chuckle (J Humaid) 8-13 W R Swinburn (16-1) 2.

Wafiba Rivab c Wasiib - Yellow Creek (The Winning Team) 8-13 Pat Eddery (6-2) 3.

ALSO RAN: 6 Crazy Paving (5th), 16 Canasta Dancer (6th), 25 Sharp Prese (4th). 6 ran. 1¾l, ¾l, nk, 4l, 2l. P Chapple-Hyam at Marlborough. Tote: £2.00; £1.50, £2.50. DF: £9.70. CSF: £13.46. 1min 18.15sec.

4.55 KING EDWARD VII STAKES (Group II: 3-Y-O: £58,433: 1m 4f)

BENEFICIAL b c Top Ville - Youthful (Exors of Sir Robin McAlpine) 8-6 M Hills (11-4 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap) 1.

Winged Victory b c Nijinsky - Wedding Picture (Pin Oak Stable) 8-6 R Cochrane (12-1) 2.

Azzlal ch c Arctic Tern - Tanouma (Prince A A Faisal) 8-6 W Carson (12-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 4 Cairo Prince, 5 Yeltsin (6th), 11-2 Forsee (4th), 8 Shabta, 16 Linton Lime (5th), 8 ran. Nk, nk, ¾l, 1¼l. G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £3.00; £1.40, £3.00, £3.80. DF: £14.60. Trio: £94.60. CSF: £29.42. 2min 33.88sec.

5.30 ASCOT STAKES (Handicap: £20,550: 2m 4f)

BALASANI b h Labus - Bayksra (M D Smith) 7-9-1 M Perrett (8-1) 1.

Doyce b f Formidable - Current Raiser (Lord Matthews) 4-7-9 G Bardwell (33-1) 2.

Jack Button b g Kinge Lake - Tallentire (A and B Racing) 4-9-13 N Day (12-1) 3.

Star Player ch h Simply Great - Star Girl (Paul Smith) 7-9-7 C Dalton (25-1) 4.

ALSO RAN: 7 fav Snow Board (5th), 11 Muses, 12 Requested, Tauridnate, Tarcudent, Rosine Mas, Mardood, 14 Bokaro, Bardolph, Welshman, Dare To Dream, 16 Good Hand, Master Foodbroker, Mrs Barton (6th), 20 Denab, Chekelek, 33 Justice, French Ivy, 66 Patrocius, 23 ran. 3l, 1l, sh hd, 1l, hd. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £11.20; £2.80, £17.80, £3.60, £9.00. DF: £274.30. Trio: £5,352.10. CSF: £241.67. Tricast: £2,829.25. 4min 31.81sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £33,576.97 carried forward to Ascot today).

Placepot: £128.20.

Thirsk

Going: good to firm

2.15 (7f) 1, Oviceo (J Lowe, 10-11 fav); 2, Glenvally (25-1); 3, Komplicity (12-1). 11 ran. NR: All In The Mind. ¾l, 3½l. J Wass. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £7.10, £2.60. DF: £32.40. CSF: £26.52.

2.45 (6f) 1, Two D's (M Birch, 10-1); 2, Lucky Fourleen (8-1); 3, Tempin Prophet (10-1). Minnesota Viking 6-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Mckiate. 1l, 3l. M H Easterby. Tote: £12.80; £3.60, £3.90, £3.00. DF: £97.60. CSF: £92.04. No bid.

3.15 (6f) 1, Formidable Liz (J Lowe, 5-1 fav); 2, Plum First (12-1); 3, Gussie Finknottle (8-1); 4, My Godson (10-1). 18 ran. NR: Admission. 3½l, 1½l. M Hammond. Tote: £6.40; £1.50, £1.50, £2.10, £1.90. DF: £37.50. CSF: £59.07. Tricast: £436.79.

3.50 (1mf) 1, Leave It To Lils (J Tate, 7-2); 2, Toledo Queen (10-11 fav); 3, Spice And Sugar (10-1). 7 ran. 1l, 3l. P Calver. Tote: £4.50; £1.90, £1.20. DF: £2.50. CSF: £6.86.

4.25 (7f) 1, Knight Of Shalot (D Holland, 4-7 fav); 2, Degny Juel (4-1); 3, Phonic (20-1). 7 ran. NR: Harbish, Warmdhe. 3½l, sh. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £1.40; £1.40, £1.50. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.53. Warmdhe (6-1) withdrawn; not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 10p in pound.

5.00 (7f) 1, Imposing Groom (B Raymond, 16-1); 2, Non Vintage (8-1); 3, Swordsmanship (9-4 fav). 11 ran. 1¼l, 2l. J Dunlop. Tote: £16.00; £3.70, £2.00, £1.80. DF: £42.80. CSF: £131.96.

5.35 (1m 4f) 1, Prince Hannibal (G Carter, 9-2); 2, Fair Flyer (11-2); 3, Ambiguously Regal (7-2 fav). 8 ran. 1½l, sh hd. J Dunlop. Tote: £5.30; £1.80, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £9.80. CSF: £26.79. Tricast: £86.08.

Placepot: £596.50.

Monday's details

Windsor

Going: good to soft

6.35 (5f 217yd) 1, Star Speeder (B Russell, 3-1 fav); 2, Little Emmeline (12-1); 3, Windsor Display (5-1). 19 ran. 3, 3½l. G Lewis. Tote: £5.10; £2.00, £2.60, £2.00. DF: £53.80. CSF: £39.33.

7.05 (5f 10yd) 1, Isabella Sharp (M Fenton, 5-4 fav); 2, Antonia's Folly (6-2); 3, Folly Finnesse (50-1). 6 ran. NR: Davida Diamond, Tarmiba. ¾l, ¾l. M Bell. Tote: £2.50; £1.50, £2.10. DF: £5.30. CSF: £8.85.

7.35 (1m 67yd) 1, Queen Warrior (Pat Eddery, 13-2); 2, Dawes (11-2); 3, Vassoy (10-1). 4, Call The Bureau (16-1). Silencer 5-1 fav. 20 ran. NR: Mad Pan Rai. ¾l, hd. P Walwyn. Tote: £9.40; £2.70, £2.80, £2.90, £3.00. DF: £32.60. CSF: £44.88. Tricast: £350.76.

8.05 (5f 217yd) 1, Grey Charmer (W Newnes, 7-1); 2, Merryhill Maid (16-1); 3, Hallorna (8-1); 4, Bellort Ruler (14-1). Face North 11-2 fav. 16 ran. NR: Lady Sabo. 1½l, 3½l. C James. Tote: £7.90; £1.90, £3.10, £2.30. £4.50. DF: £318.10. Trio: £741.30. CSF: £119.05. Tricast: £874.19.

8.35 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Warm Spell (S Rouse, 7-2; Thunderer's nap); 2, Hoochiecoochie Man (9-4 fav); 3, Wolf Power (7-2). 6 ran. NR: Woodmans Star. 1l, 6l. R Simpson. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £1.80. DF: £4.00. CSF: £10.73.

9.05 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Teen Jay (A Munro, 5-1); 2, Lambest (6-1); 3, Eurythmio (20-1). 18 ran. Ajmaan 5-6 fav, Nk, ¾l. G Wragg. Tote: £12.50; £3.40, £2.90, £4.80. DF: £38.10. CSF: £75.00.

Placepot: £497.30.

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WORD-WATCHING

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SLAVA

(a) A festival of a family saint in Yugoslavia, a name-day. Serbo-Croatian, literally "honour, renown": "They told us of that country beyond, with its mountains and rivers, its peasant homes, its slavas and songs of heroes — an Arcadia in truth."

PONOR

(a) A steep natural shaft leading from the surface of the ground in a karstic region, physical geography, the Serbo-Croat word: "The funnel-shaped hollows which are so frequently met with on the surface of the karst are *termed* ponors."

MIR

(b) A rare and fine quality Saraband rug woven in Mirabad, adapted from *Mirabad*, the name of a town in the Sarawan district, SW of Arak, Iran: "The botch design came from the Saraband region and was *used* at the beginning in the Mir carpets."

COSCOROBA

(c) A small South American swan, *Coscoroba coscoroba*, which belongs to the family Anatidae and shows affinities to both ducks and swans, modern Latin coined by J. I. Molina, 1782 from the native name in Chile: "Of the geese, the most remarkable is the coscoroba (anas coscoroba). The plumage is entirely white, the feet and bill are red, and the eyes of a fine black."

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Kingmambo recovers in time

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

A NERVE-RACKING stewards' enquiry, lasting a full quarter of an hour, could not prevent Kingmambo deservedly winning the St James's Palace Stakes yesterday to become the first French-trained winner at Royal Ascot since 1986.

Although the absence of Zafonic meant only four horses lined up on a gloriously sunny afternoon for the day's feature event, the race was incident-packed from start to finish with all the drama conspiring to flaw the 5-2 on favourite.

After splitting into two separate groups, a cricket pitch apart, the foursome converged shortly before coming into the straight where Kingmambo was slightly chopped for space by Willie Carson on Ventiquattrofogli.

No sooner had Cash Asmussen, rider of the French 2,000 Guineas winner, recovered from the interference than a gap between Needle Gun and Ventiquattrofogli closed as quickly as it had appeared.

With less than two furlongs to go and still in last place, Asmussen had to check, change direction and go for a winning run between Ventiquattrofogli and Wharf.

With his neck stretched out in the style of the most determined athlete, Kingmambo forged through the tightest of gaps but not before bumping Wharf.

By the winning line, Kingmambo had asserted his authority in style to win comfortably by a length and a half from Needle Gun. He had proved himself unquestionably the best horse in the race, but would he remain the winner?

As Lord Manton and his fellow stewards studied film of the race taken from every angle, fears of another Royal Gait, ridden by Asmussen when controversially disqualified from the 1988 Gold Cup, came flooding back.

"I was not concerned but as things started going on for a long time, I remembered Royal Gait," Asmussen said. The stewards concluded that interference had taken place, but decided it was accidental.

Kingmambo will now attempt to emulate his mother, Miesque, by winning the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville in August before going on to the Breeders' Cup Mile.

Zafonic stands in his way but Asmussen and Francois Boutin are anxious to prove their success at Maisons-Laffitte in the spring was no fluke. "He is the only horse to beat this year," Asmussen added. "But we are the form horse of the minute. And I am sure the Niarchos team and Boutin will be ready to take him on."

As so often happens in the opening Queen Anne Stakes, favourite backers were on the receiving end of a nasty surprise when the unfancied Alflora fought back gamely to deny Inner City, a strongly backed 6-4 shot.

The Luca Cumani-trained favourite looked sure to oblige after coming with a steady run to hit the front inside the final furlong but appeared to lack the resolution to withstand the renewed challenge from Alflora, the long-time leader, who was ridden to perfection by Michael Kinane.

Placerville became only the second three-year-old to win the Prince of Wales's Stakes since the race was opened to older horses in 1969.

The slow times for yesterday's races confirmed the sticky ground, which blunted the acceleration of Stonehatch, who scored a workmanlike victory in the Coventry Stakes, and so provided Peter Chapple-Hyam with his first Royal Ascot success.

The ground was not ideal for Beneficial, who loves to hear his hooves rattle, but Geoff Wragg's improving colt benefited from the stronger pace in the King Edward VII Stakes and battled gamely to win close home from Winged Victory, who was having only his third race.

ADAM BUTLER



French reward: Kingmambo, right, lands an incident-packed St James's Palace Stakes yesterday

Boutin writes fresh chapter of remarkable success story

By Julian Muscat

SEVENTEEN years ago, Francois Boutin, stood in the winner's enclosure at Royal Ascot savouring Trepan's victory in the Prince of Wales's Stakes. Boutin, already established among the elite in France, was fast growing accustomed to celebrating successful cross-Channel ventures from his base at Lamorlaye, in Chantilly.

However, Boutin's world fell apart when Trepan, later victorious in the Eclipse Stakes, failed routine dope tests after both races, and was immediately disqualified. He protested his innocence, but it was many years later that scientists established the ability of racehorses, particularly colts, to produce substances internally with a close chemical composition to those on the proscribed list.

He was also deeply upset when his brilliant miler, Nureyev, was disqualified after the colt was deemed to have caused interference on the way to his 2,000 Guineas victory in 1980.

Now, as the stewards inquired into the course steered by Kingmambo in winning the St James's Palace Stakes, the 56-year-old was becoming anxious, although he would not admit it. "I waited until five o'clock before they disqualified Nureyev at Newmarket. If it takes that long again, I will have left, whatever happens," he said. The subsequent announcement confirmed that, on this occasion, all was well.

Even the most xenophobic Englishman could not have wished for a more appropriate outcome, for Boutin has been beset by a serious illness since the turn of the year. That he made the journey to Ascot, one of his favourite racecourses, is testament to his courage and dedication, which is in itself enshrined in a glorious, unbroken record of success at the highest level.

Taking out a trainer's licence in 1964, Boutin surprised the racing world when he quit his job as private trainer to the legendary owner-breeder, Marcel Boussac, to go public after just one season. Three years later, he sent out La Lagune to capture the 1968 Oaks, the first of his four British classic winners.

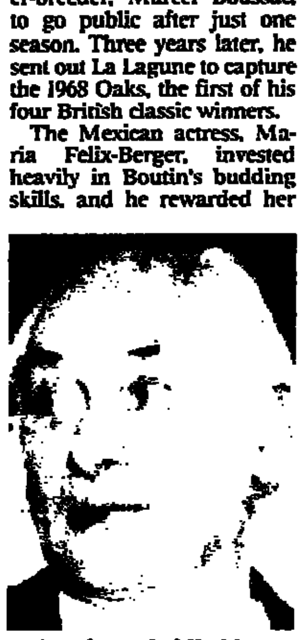
The Mexican actress, Maria Felix-Berger, invested heavily in Boutin's budding skills, and he rewarded her when Nonoalco carried her silks to win the 1974 2,000 Guineas. Zino followed up in the same race eight years later, while Miesque took the fillies' equivalent in 1989.

Miesque brings us full circle: she is the dam of Kingmambo, who is her first foal. Miesque won ten group one races, including the Breeders' Cup Mile in consecutive years. However, her only visit to Ascot resulted in a disappointing third in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes. In that sense, Kingmambo has already gone one better.

Kingmambo, like Miesque, is owned by the Greek shipping magnate, Stavros Niarchos, a staunch supporter of the stable. Niarchos has been handsomely repaid: Boutin has trained him a group one winner for each of the last 12 seasons. The combination has annexed two of this year's French classics: Boutin won a third for Allen Paulson.

There is an unbridled joy in Boutin in the aftermath of such important races. No one who witnessed it will forget him, cigar in hand, soaking up the applause after Arazi's stunning victory in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile two years ago.

Yesterday's victory, his first win at the royal fixture since Scorpio's Hardwicke Stakes in 1980, showed us that, in spite of illness, Boutin still derives immense pleasure from these occasions. The cigar may have been shelved, but the glint is back in his eye.



Boutin: unbridled joy

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION



ROYAL ASCOT
BBC1

2.30: Eurolink Thunder's only defeats have come when negotiating a bend and today's straight seven furlongs on his preferred ground is ideal. The selection holds Abbey's Gal on Newmarket running and Mithl Al Hawa may be a bigger danger now that she tackles this distance for the first time.

3.05: A lightly-raced filly often obliges here so I prefer the chances of **Double Down,** Velvet Moon and Rohita ahead of the more exposed types. Mick Channon rates Rohita the best horse he has trained, but she steps back from six furlongs as does Velvet Moon, who recorded a good time at Newbury. However, I side with Double Down, trained by Ian Balding, who won this race in 1986 with Forest Flower. She beat some useful types on her debut.

3.45: Sumoto beat the subsequent 1,000 Guineas winner, Sayyedati, on her debut here a year ago, but a series of niggling setbacks have meant Geoff Wragg's filly has not run since. Elizabeth Bay, who disappointed in the 1,000 Guineas, and Gold Splash represent a strong French challenge but I prefer Nicer, victorious in the Irish 1,000 Guineas, who can provide Barry Hills with his first Royal Ascot success since 1986.

BBC2

4.20: Philidor's second to River North last time looks useful form but that was over a longer trip. The consistent Royal Seaton would appreciate further than today's mile. Sand Table looks laid out for this by John Sutcliffe, but I am keen on **Nashville Blues,** who goes best over a straight mile, is well drawn and will have benefited from a seasonal pipe-opener two weeks ago.

Richard Evans

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ROYAL ASCOT

THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
2.30 **ABBEY'S GAL** (nap)	2.30 Eurolink Thunder
3.05 Velvet Moon	3.05 Double Down
3.45 Elizabeth Bay	3.45 Nicer
4.20 Forever Diamonds	4.20 **NASHVILLE BLUES** (nap)
4.55 Spring To Action	4.55 Spring To Action
5.30 Blackpatch Hill	5.30 Last Embrace (next best)

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.05 Elrafa Ah. 3.45 Zarani Sidi Anna. 4.55 **SAINT KEYNE** (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.20 **PHILIDOR.**

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CO,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ...... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT   DRAW: 5F-1M STR, LOW NUMBERS BEST   SIS

2.30 JERSEY STAKES (BBC1)
(Group III: 3-Y-O: £40,432: 7f) (15 runners)

101	(13)	1411-63	ARDKINGLASS 18 (D,F,G) (Sir David Wills) H Cecil 9-1	W Ryan	92
102	(7)	115-131	EUROLINK THUNDER 26 (D,G,S) (Eurolink Group Plc) J Dunlop 9-1	R Cochrane	86
103	(5)	1132-34	HUMAM 14 (C,F,S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-1	R Hills	89
104	(12)	114	MATELOT 20 (D,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) A Fabre (Fr) 9-1	T Jarnet	84
105	(15)	336-16	COLOUR PARTY 39 (D,G) (C G-St Lawrence) M Kauntze (Ire) 8-10	W O'Connor	84
106	(4)	30-6105	FIRM PLEDGE 18 (B,D,BF,DF,G) (F Salman) P Cole 8-10	A Munro	93
107	(9)	302430	FRIENDLY BRAVE 16 (T Mills) T Mills 8-10	K Darley	73
108	(10)	11-60	PEMBROKE 46 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-10	M Roberts	80
109	(6)	142-204	REVELATION 17 (F) (J Davis) R Hannon 8-10	T Quinn	90
110	(11)	124-250	ROGER THE BUTLER 18 (S) (M Hawtin) M Bell 8-10	M Hills	85
111	(1)	1-4	RUSTIC CRAFT 60 (C,S) (R Richards) D Elsworth 8-10	C Asmussen	71
112	(14)	14-1112	ABBEY'S GAL 26 (D,F,G,S) (J Williamson) I Balding 8-7	L Dettori	88
113	(8)	222	GOODNIGHT KISS 14 (S Al-Homaizi) D Weld (Ire) 8-7	M J Kinane	99
114	(2)	633-501	HOLLY GOLIGHTLY 23 (D,F,G) (V Behrens) R Hannon 8-7	J Reid	80
115	(3)	2120-2	MITHL AL HAWA 25 (G) (M Sobell) J Fanshawe 8-7	W R Swinburn	88

BETTING: 5-1 Goodnight Kiss, 11-2 Revelation, 7-1 Ardkinglass, 8-1 Pembroke, 9-1 Matelot, 10-1 Abbey's Gal, 12-1 Eurolink Thunder, Mithl Al Hawa, 14-1 Firm Pledge, Humam, 16-1 Rustic Craft, 33-1 others.

1992: PRINCE FERDINAND 9-1 J Reid (6-1) M McCormack 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARDKINGLASS just over 1l 3rd of 8 to Mistle Cat in a listed race at Kempton (1m, good) with FIRM PLEDGE (same terms) over 6l 5th. EUROLINK THUNDER beat ABBEY'S GAL 1¼l in a listed race at Newmarket (7f, good) with HUMAM (7lb better off) ½l 3rd. MATELOT neck 4th of 7 to Voleris in group III Prix du Palais-Royal at Longchamp (7f, good to firm). REVELATION ½l 4th of 8 to La Belaire in group I Prix Jean Prat at Longchamp (1m 1f 55yd, good to firm). GOODNIGHT KISS 2½l 2nd of 9 to Lock's Heath in maiden at the Curragh (6f, yielding). Earlier 2l 2nd of 14 to Nicer in group I Irish 1000 Guineas at the Curragh (1m, good to soft). MITHL AL HAWA ¾l 2nd of 6 to Lyric Fantasy in listed race at Newmarket (6f, good).
Selection: REVELATION

3.05 QUEEN MARY STAKES (BBC1)
(Group III: 2-Y-O fillies: £28,152: 5f) (11 runners)

201	(1)	1	DOUBLE DOWN 16 (D,F) (J Smith) I Balding 8-8	L Dettori	88
202	(4)	1	ELRAFA AH 16 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-8	R Hills	77
203	(8)	1	NERA 53 (D,G) (Lady Podman) Mrs J Cecil 8-8	B Raymond	84
204	(11)	35	NIGHTITUDE 16 (Miss G Abbey) M Heaton-Ellis 8-8	M J Kinane	74
205	(3)	12	POMMES FRITES 37 (D,BF,G) (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 8-8	L Piggott	87
206	(9)	121	QUEENBIRD 5 (D,S) (A Reid) H Cecil 8-8	W Ryan	99
207	(6)	112	RISKY 15 (D,F,S) (Roldvale Ltd) R Hannon 8-8	W R Swinburn	92
208	(7)	11	ROHITA 27 (D,F,G) (B Taylor) M Channon 8-8	Pat Eddery	93
209	(2)	111	SNIPE HALL 14 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Watson) J Wharton 8-8	P Robinson	92
210	(10)	1	THREATENING 25 (G) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 8-8	R Cochrane	83
211	(5)	1	VELVET MOON 33 (G) (F Salman) P Cole 8-8	A Munro	89

BETTING: 3-1 Velvet Moon, 7-2 Risky, 6-1 Queenbird, Rohita, 7-1 Double Down, 10-1 Snipe Hall, 16-1 Nera, 20-1 Elrafa Ah, Pommes Frites, 50-1 others.

1992: LYRIC FANTASY 8-8 M Roberts (11-8 fav) R Hannon 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOUBLE DOWN beat Fayrooz 2l in 19-runner maiden at Sandown (5f, good to firm) with NIGHTITUDE (same terms) over 2l 5th. ELRAFA AH beat Meragon 3l in 8-runner maiden at Leicester (6f, good). QUEENBIRD beat Sinners Reprieve 4l in 5-runner conditions race at York (6f, good to soft). RISKY head 2nd of 5 to Redoubtable in listed race at Sandown (5f, firm). ROHITA beat Haddiah 3l in 8-runner conditions race at Goodwood (6f, good). SNIPE HALL beat Sinners Reprieve 1l in conditions race at Beverley (5f, good). Earlier beat POMMES FRITES (2lb better off) 1½l in 8-runner conditions race at Windsor (5f, good to firm). VELVET MOON beat Michelle Hicks 5l in a 12-runner maiden at Newbury (6f, good).
Selection: QUEENBIRD

3.45 CORONATION STAKES (BBC1)
(Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £109,537: 1m rnd) (6 runners)

301	(1)	11-20	ELIZABETH BAY 48 (BF,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) A Fabre (Fr) 9-0	T Jarnet	92
302	(2)	241-23	GOLD SPLASH 31 (D,S) (J Wertheimer) Mrs C Head (Fr) 9-0	G Mosse	95
303	(4)	2514-11	NICER 25 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 9-0	M Hills	99
304	(6)	4316-12	NICHE 48 (C,F,G) (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 9-0	L Piggott	95
305	(3)	1-	SUMOTO 361 (C,G) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-0	Pat Eddery	91
306	(5)	1-200	ZARANI SIDI ANNA 25 (V,BF,S) (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	93

BETTING: 7-4 Nicer, 7-2 Elizabeth Bay, 4-1 Niche, 9-2 Gold Splash, 14-1 Sumoto, Zarani Sidi Anna.

1992: MARLING 9-0 W R Swinburn (8-11 fav) G Wragg 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELIZABETH BAY 2l 2nd of 5 to Wixon in a listed race at Maisons-Laffitte (7f, soft) on penultimate start. GOLD SPLASH less than a length 3rd of 8 to Madeleine's Dream in group I Dubai Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at Longchamp (1m, good). NICER beat Goodnight Kiss 2l in 14-runner group I Irish 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh (1m, good to soft) with ZARANI SIDI ANNA (same terms) under 10l 7th. NICHE ½l 2nd of 12 to Sayyedati in group I Madagans 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good) with ZARANI SIDI ANNA (same terms) 2½l 7th and ELIZABETH BAY (same terms) 1l 8th. Earlier beat ZARANI SIDI ANNA (5lb worse off) 1½l in 8-runner group III Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket (7f, good).
Selection: NICHE

4.20 ROYAL HUNT CUP (BBC2)
(Handicap: £42,955: 1m str) (32 runners)

401	(10)	444-432	APPROACH THE BENCH 9 (D,G) (J Mulhern) J Mulhern (Ire) 5-8-10	C Swan	82
402	(25)	133-413	SALMON EILE 9 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M O'Connor) P Flynn (Fr) 5-9-3	J Murtagh	84
403	(30)	0516-02	GYMCRAK PREMIERE 35 (CD,F,G,S) (Gymcrak) M H Easterby 5-9-0	K Darley	90
404	(18)	1163-43	TAPIS ROUGE 16 (BF,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 4-9-0	M Roberts	91
405	(19)	0/115-15	IMPERIAL BALLET 35 (D,BF,F,G) (R Sangster) H Cecil 4-8-12	Pat Eddery	86
406	(15)	3000-04	SPANISH STORM 15 (G) (The Storm Syndicate) S Woods 4-8-11	W Woods	80
407	(3)	555-562	BAND ON THE RUN 11 (BF,C,D,F,G,S) (D Allen) B McMahon 6-8-10	T Quinn	87
408	(29)	412/0-6	KING ATHELSTAN 60 (F) (Ms R Hood) J Gosden 5-8-10	B Raymond	87
409	(4)	0-00536	EFHARISTO 16 (CD,F,G) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-8-4	W Carson	89
410	(2)	32015-4	NASHVILLE BLUES 13 (D,F,G) (Mrs S Bosher) J Hills 4-8-3	M Hills	88
411	(5)	2/500-10	HIGH PREMIUM 64 (D,F,G) (P Leonard) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-1	K Fallon	87
412	(13)	52-0364	ROYAL SEATON 14 (G,S) (Axminster Carpets Ltd) B Millman 4-7-13	A Mackay	93
413	(20)	13400-0	MANGO MANILA 28 (G,S) (R Del Ricardo) C Horgan 8-7-12	R Hills	84
414	(31)	0140-02	PHILIDOR 16 (D,F,G,S) (J Smith) J Eustace 4-7-12	N Kennedy (3)	99
415	(22)	4000-20	PIQUANT 19 (D,BF,F,G,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 6-7-11	A Munro	96
416	(32)	00-5458	NEPTUNE'S PET 14 (D,F,G) (K Symonds and Partners) G Lewis 5-7-10	J Lowe	91
417	(6)	301-211	JADE VALE 16 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Bosher) J Hills 4-7-10 (5ex)	D Harrison (3)	90
418	(11)	441252	FOREVER DIAMONDS 11 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Russell) M H Easterby 6-7-9	F Norton	95
419	(17)	0200-00	CLAYBANK 21 (G) (D Smurfit) B Hills 4-7-9	Dale Gibson	87
420	(24)	304-003	SAND TABLE 48 (G) (Mrs J Sutcliffe) J Sutcliffe 4-7-8	N Carlisle	89
421	(21)	0-01600	MILLSOLIN 11 (G,S) (Normandy Developments) R Akehurst 5-7-8	S Dawson	88
422	(27)	36-3030	DOUBLE FLUTTER 14 (F) (J Mitchell) M Channon 4-7-7	Antoinette Armes (7)	90
423	(16)	000-110	TENDER MOMENT 26 (C,G,S) (R Richards) C Brittain 5-7-7	B Doyle (3)	87
424	(14)	116-431	INDIAN SLAVE 25 (D,F,G) (R Axford) R Guest 5-7-7 (5ex)	J Fanning	86
425	(12)	02-0015	BUZZARDS BELLBUOY 32 (D,G,S) (N Gardner) H Collingridge 4-7-7	J Quinn	85
426	(8)	001-060	GRAND VITESSE 28 (D,F,S) (R Walworth) R Hannon 4-7-7	D Biggs	83
427	(7)	6/0-6142	WALKING THE PLANK 18 (V,D,G) (M White) P Walwyn 4-7-7	D Wright (7)	80
428	(28)	00130-1	DOUBLE ECHO 4 (G,S) (Mrs J Lee) J Bethell 5-7-7 (7ex)	L Charnock	95
429	(1)	00-0024	TROOPING 16 (D,BF,F) (H Grandfield) G Harwood 4-7-7	E Johnson	88
430	(23)	536-064	COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 5 (F) (T Bucknall) R Hannon 4-7-7	N Adams	77
431	(26)	00-1400	LITTLE ROUSILLON 21 (D,S) (Fayzad Ltd) W Muir 5-7-7	Kim McDonnell (7)	77
432	(9)	51/4300	RUTLAND WATER 4 (F) (Normandy Developments) R Akehurst 6-7-7	NON-RUNNER	–

Long handicap: Double Flutter 7-6, Tender Moment 7-5, Indian Slave 7-3 (5ex), Buzzards Bellbuoy 7-2, Grand Vitesse 7-2, Walking The Plank 7-2, Double Echo 7-2 (7ex), Trooping 7-1, Courageous 6-13, Little Rousillon 6-9, Rutland Water 6-9.

BETTING: 9-1 Gymcrak Premiere, 10-1 Tapis Rouge, 12-1 High Premium, 14-1 Efharisto, Nashville Blues, Philidor, Royal Seaton, 16-1 King Athelstan, Jade Vale, Sand Table, Forever Diamonds, 20-1 Imperial Ballet, 25-1 Band On The Run, Piquant, 33-1 Millsolin, Salmon Eile, Tender Moment, 40-1 others.

1992: COLOUR SERGEANT 4-7-6 D Harrison (20-1) Lord Huntingdon 31 ran

FORM FOCUS

APPROACH THE BENCH ½l 2nd of 13 to Malvernico in a listed race at Leopardstown (1m 1f, good) with SALMON EILE (7lb better off) neck 3rd. GYMCRAK PREMIERE neck 2nd of 11 to Risk Master in a handicap at York (1m, good) with EFHARISTO (3lb better off) 2l 3rd, IMPERIAL BALLET (4lb better off) 2½l 5th and BAND ON THE RUN (4lb better off) 2½l 6th.
TAPIS ROUGE just over 2l 3rd of 9 to Pay Homage in a handicap at Sandown (1m, good to firm) with EFHARISTO (same terms) over 2l 6th. ROYAL SEATON under 2l 4th of 12 to Fieldridge in a handicap at Epsom (1m 2f, good) with NEPTUNE'S PET (same terms) under 3l 6th and DOUBLE FLUTTER (1lb better off) 1l 7th.
PHILIDOR 1l 2nd of 14 to River North in a handicap at Redcar (1m 2f, good). JADE VALE beat Just You Dare 2l in a 6-runner conditions race at Chepstow (1m, soft).
DOUBLE ECHO beat Top Shiel 3½l in a 9-runner handicap at York (1m 1f, good to soft).
Selection: PHILIDOR

4.55 QUEEN'S VASE (Group III: 3-Y-O: £34,639: 2m 45yd) (8 runners)

501	(2)	50-111	ACANTHUS 19 (G,S) (Cuadra Africa) J Dunlop 8-11	B Raymond	95
502	(1)	32-202	BLUE GROTTO 8 (J Albritton) J Watts 8-11	W Ryan	80
503	(6)	50-4454	BONAR BRIDGE 19 (C Hamer) R Hannon 8-11	T Quinn	79
504	(4)	12-2	INFRASONIC 17 (S) (K Abdulla) A Fabre (Fr) 8-11	Pat Eddery	99
505	(7)	06-2111	KASSAB 8 (F,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-11	W Carson	95
506	(5)	3321	SAINT KEYNE 11 (G) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-11	M J Kinane	84
507	(3)	2-2312	SILVERDALE 11 (BF,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11	M Roberts	83
508	(8)	26-521	SPRING TO ACTION 25 (G) (The Queen) I Balding 8-11	L Dettori	86

BETTING: 3-1 Infrasonic, 7-2 Acanthus, 4-1 Kassab, 5-1 Saint Keyne, 6-1 Spring To Action, 7-1 Silverdale, 66-1 Blue Grotto, Bonar Bridge.

1992: LANDOWNER 8-11 R Cochrane (8-1) J Gosden 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ACANTHUS beat Bohemian Crown 10l in a 6-runner conditions race at Haydock (1m 6f, soft) with BONAR BRIDGE (5lb worse off) over 10l 5th. INFRASONIC over 6l 4th of 16 to White Muzzle in group I Derby Italiano at Capannelle (1m 4f, good to firm). KASSAB beat Cromerty 2½l in 3-runner conditions race at Salisbury (1m 6f, good to firm). SAINT KEYNE beat Bolaro 5l in a 12-runner maiden at Haydock (1m 6f, good). SILVERDALE 1½l 2nd of 3 to Old Provence in a conditions race at Leicester (1m 4f, good to firm). SPRING TO ACTION beat Yabmi 3½l in a 7-runner maiden at Newmarket (1m 6f, good).
Selection: INFRASONIC (nap)

5.30 BESSBOROUGH HANDICAP (£20,225: 1m 4f) (20 runners)

601	(8)	23116-1	SLEET SKIER 41 (D,F,G) (A O'Reilly) D Weld (Ire) 6-10-0	M J Kinane	85
602	(6)	4/14140-	ARBUSHA 234 (C,G,S) (H De Kwiatkowski) J Bolger (Ire) 4-9-11	C Roche	80
603	(20)	0/30/6-4	OH SO RISKY 21 (F,S) (Oh So Risky Syndicate) D Elsworth 6-9-7	A Procter (5)	90
604	(4)	12136-2	SOURCE OF LIGHT 39 (CD,BF,F) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 4-9-3	Pat Eddery	88
605	(12)	411-005	TURGENEV 12 (D,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-2	M Roberts	95
606	(10)	110-2	LAST EMBRACE 32 (D,F,G) (E Loder) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-8	D Harrison (3)	95
607	(11)	202-021	FIELDRIDGE 14 (G) (Mrs W Tulloch) C Brooks 4-8-7	J Reid	96
608	(14)	131-142	PHARFETCHED 11 (G) (J Shanahan) A O'Brien (Ire) 4-8-6	W R Swinburn	99
609	(7)	2-02422	DURSHAN 28 (F,G) (Bonusprint) J Jenkins 4-8-5	L Dettori	92
610	(19)	21-25	SHADOWS OF SILVER 11 (D,F) (Mrs R Mayall) B McMahon 5-8-4	T Quinn	95
611	(15)	010511	BLACKPATCH HILL 16 (D,G) (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 4-8-4	W Carson	95
612	(17)	154350-	WHITECHAPEL 221 (CD,G,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 5-8-2	A Munro	80
613	(3)	11-004	LYPHANTASTIC 28 (D,F) (Miss S Payson) M Stoute 4-8-0	K Darley	96
614	(9)	200-413	MUCH SOUGHT AFTER 27 (D,S) (The MSA Partnership) D Morley 4-7-13	R Hills	95
615	(5)	6-36116	MISS PIN UP 18 (D,F,G) (E Baldwin) Pat Mitchell 4-7-12	D Biggs	96
616	(13)	06-5610	GLIDE PATH 16 (D,F) (The Jampot Partnership) J Hills 4-7-12	M Hills	95
617	(2)	031654	SWORD MASTER 4 (D,G) (I Vogt) Bob Jones 4-7-9	J Quinn	97
618	(1)	4-11202	NORTHERN GRADUATE 16 (D,F,G) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 4-7-8	J Lowe	94
619	(18)	31-0005	PORT SUNLIGHT 16 (F,S) (Mrs C Powell) R Hannon 5-7-7	N Adams	98
620	(16)	0-00041	MOONLIGHT QUEST 7 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Lamb) B Hanbury 6-7-7 (4ex)	N Carlisle	97

BETTING: 6-1 Blackpatch Hill, 10-1 Last Embrace, Pharfetched, Port Sunlight, 12-1 Source Of Light, Turgenev, Whitechapel, 14-1 Glide Path, 16-1 Oh So Risky, Sleet Skier, 20-1 Fieldridge, Durshan, Lyphantastic, Moonlight Quest, Miss Pin Up, Much Sought After, 25-1 others.

1992: SPINNING 5-9-3 R Cochrane (25-1) I Balding 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

SLEET SKIER beat Garabagh 1l in an 11-runner conditions race at Tipperary (1m 4f, good to yielding). LAST EMBRACE short head 2nd of 21 to Deviliy in a handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good) with PORT SUNLIGHT (9lb better off) 5l 10th. FIELDRIDGE beat Rose Alto a short head in a 12-runner handicap at Epsom (1m 2f, good). PHARFETCHED 2½l 2nd of 10 to Raysela in a listed race at the Curragh (1m 3f, good to yielding). BLACKPATCH HILL beat Taylors Prince 2l in a 7-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good). MOONLIGHT QUEST beat Tiger Shot a neck in a 13-runner handicap at Kempton (1m 4f, good).
Selection: BLACKPATCH HILL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Lord Huntingdon	3	9	33.3	Pat Eddery	18	85	21.2
H Cecil	10	36	27.8	R Hills	4	25	16.0
G Wragg	6	27	22.2	W R Swinburn	8	59	13.6
J Dunlop	5	23	21.7	A Munro	4	34	11.8
P Cole	4	20	20.0	W Carson	8	70	11.4
H Thomson Jones	3	17	17.6	Only qualifiers			

Recession hits attendance

THE recession was blamed for a 2,930 downturn in Ascot's opening day crowd of 37,344. Nicholas Beaumont, the clerk of the course, had expected the fall. "Bookings for Tattersalls were down for Tuesday and Wednesday," he said. "I blame the recession. We don't see an end to it here." Tote turnover was down 11 per cent at £809,717.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER
2.10 Formal Affair. 2.40 Meant To Be. 3.10 Dances With Risk. 3.40 Sweet Whisper. 4.10 Five To Seven. 4.40 Nellie's Gamble. 5.10 Saida.

GOING: SOFT   SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 COVER DRIVE APPRENTICE CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,406: 1m 1f 213yd) (8 runners)

1	-005	FORMAL AFFAIR 19 (G,BF) C Cyzer 9-1	J D Smith (5) 5
2	66	PREMIER STAR 6 M Bell 8-13	M Fenton (3) 4
3	0000	DIVINE RAIN 15 J Payne 8-7	Michael Denaro (5) 2
4	-000	WALSHAM WITCH 5 (B,F) C Smith 8-7	C Hodgson (3) 3
5	0010	KIAWAH 16 (CD,BF,F) J Fanshawe 8-5	N Varley (5) 8
6	0035	SHEFFORD 6 M Usher 8-2	C Hawksley (5) 1
7	0002	DON'T FORGET MARIE 16 R Hanson 8-0	A Whelan (5) 7
8	0360	SUMMERS DREAM 28 B Richmond 7-12	A Garth (3) 6

9-4 Don't Forget Marie, 3-1 Kiawah, 5-1 Formal Affair, 7-1 Walsham Witch, Shefford, 8-1 Premier Star, 20-1 others.

2.40 YORKER RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES
(£2,847: 1m 6f 15yd) (8)

1	0000	DOMAIN 4 (B) R Weaver 5-9-10	Rebecca Bream (7) 4
2	055	FAIRWAYS ON TARGET 11 Mrs M Reveley 7-9-10	W Newnes 2
3	432/0	WHERE ARE WE 15 D Williams 7-9-10	J Williams 3
4	2-00	MILIYEL 16 Miss G Kelleway 4-9-5	D McCabe (7) 6
5	3402	ARC BRIGHT 8 B Hollinshead 3-8-7	J Dennis (7) 1
6	050-	NAAWY 221 M Stoute 3-8-7	P D'Arcy 5
7	2500	HOOSIE 15 C Brittain 3-8-2	J Weaver (3) 7
8	0-22	MEANT TO BE 18 (BF) D Loder 3-8-2	G Duffield 8

2-1 Meant To Be, 9-4 Hoosie, 5-1 Naawy, 6-1 Arc Bright, 13-2 Fairways On Target, 20-1 others.

3.10 EBF MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,435: 5f 13yd) (9)

1		ARAFARAZ L Holt 9-0	M Perrett 1
2	40	KNIGHTRIDER 18 (BF) C James 9-0	J Williams 3
3		RESONANT M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield 5
4		STELLOSO D Loder 9-0	M Tebbutt 6
5		TANFIRION CHIEF Ronald Thompson 9-0	R P Elliott 7
6		TOTON LAD K Ivory 9-0	W Newnes 4
7		BANDITA Miss A Whitfield 8-9	R Perham 8
8	3	DANCES WITH RISK 11 G Lewis 8-9	G Hind 2
9		DEAR MADAM J Berry 8-9	G Carter 9

5-4 Dances With Risk, 11-4 Stelloso, 7-1 Knightrider, 8-1 Resonant, 10-1 Dear Madam, 12-1 Arafaraz, 33-1 others.

3.40 OFF SPINNER CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,623: 6f 15yd) (11)

1	0	DISH OF THE DAY 16 M Fetherston-Godley 8-13	C Rutter 8
2	1342	SWEET WHISPER 21 (B,BF,G) R Hannon 8-13	G Hind 5
3		CURTIS THE FIRST C Cyzer 8-10	W Newnes 3
4		KOHIMA BOY J Berry 8-10	G Carter 11
5	612	BROOKHEAD LADY 7 (F) P Evans 8-9	J Williams 10
6	00	IRISH PERFORMER 15 M Camacho 8-5	N Connorton 1
7	4	CLARET BUMBLE 11 P Makin 8-3	T Sprake 9
8	6	FINISHING KIND 21 Bob Jones 7-13	G Duffield 7
9	032	RITA'S JOY 21 W G M Turner 7-13	T Williams 6
10		WHO'S CRYING NOW W G M Turner 7-13	P McCabe (7) 2
11	000	SOTTISES 11 B McMahon 7-9	S Sanders (7) 4

11-4 Rita's Joy, 4-1 Sweet Whisper, Brookhead Lady, 11-2 Claret Bumble, 7-1 Irish Performer, 12-1 Who's Crying Now, Curtis The First, 16-1 others.

4.10 COVER POINT HANDICAP
(£3,483: 2m 9yd) (3)

1	4001	FIVE TO SEVEN 7 (B,S) S Norton 4-10-1 (5ex)	D Pears (5) 2
2	-500	MATCHING GREEN 8 (S) G Balding 4-9-5	J Williams 3
3	2410	KOVALEVSKIA 9 (D,F,G,S) D Wilson 8-7-12	T Williams 1

5-4 Five To Seven, 6-4 Kovalevskia, 3-1 Matching Green.

4.40 TEST CRICKET FILLIES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,183: 1m 1f 213yd) (10)

1	052	EYE WITNESS 12 P Cole 9-7	C Rutter 10
2	4-22	DIPLOMATIST 14 W Jarvis 9-6	M Fenton (5) 3
3	4-04	ROCK THE BOAT 32 R Hannon 9-1	S Raymond 1
4	-000	IBTIKAR 21 P Walwyn 8-7	G Carter 7
5	0-60	CHOUETTE 53 P Mitchell 8-7	W Newnes 6
6	6133	NELLIE'S GAMBLE 12 (B,S) A Stringer 8-3	T Williams 8
7	050	CLARIFICATION 32 J Wharton 8-0	R Price 9
8	6042	SO SAUCY 9 B Meehan 7-11	A Tucker 4
9	5402	DESIRABLE MISS 6 (V,S) M Brittain 7-10	G Duffield 5
10	000	GLEAM OF GOLD 44 R Dickin 7-7	F Savage (7) 2

3-1 Eye Witness, 4-1 Nellie's Gamble, 5-1 Diplomatist, 6-1 So Saucy, Desirable Miss, 10-1 Rock The Boat, Chouette, 16-1 Ibtikar, 20-1 others.

5.10 COUNTY CRICKET HANDICAP
(£3,640: 1m 54yd) (11)

1	3400	AMENABLE 11 (D,F,G,S) B Richmond 8-10-0	Alex Greaves 6
2	2006	GOLDEN CHIP 11 (D,F,G) A Stringer 5-10-0	V Halliday (7) 11
3	0031	CAUSLEY 7 (CD,F,G,S) B McMahon 8-9-10 (6ex)	S Sanders (7) 9
4	0022	JAHANGIR 14 (D,G,S) B Hanbury 4-9-9	M Fenton (5) 5
5	-260	SALDA 19 (D,S) R Whitaker 4-9-7	G Parkin (7) 1
6	3600	DUNE RIVER 7 (G) D Loder 4-9-7	M Tebbutt 3
7	-063	QUANTITY SURVEYOR 4 (D,G,S) M Prescott 4-6-7	G Duffield 10
8	-400	SYLVANIA 16 (B) M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-7	R Perham 7
9	/00	DUCKEY FUZZ 40 (G) R Flower 5-8-3	A Clark 2
10	3100	ANNACURRAGH 14 (G) C Smith 4-8-1	G Carter 4
11	-000	NORTHERN TRIAL 8 (V) K Burke 5-8-0	– 8

9-2 Causley, 5-1 Quantity Surveyor, 11-2 Jahangir, 6-1 Sylvania, 8-1 Salda, Dune River, 10-1 Amenable, Golden Chip, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Stoute, 9 winners from 38 runners, 23.7%; P Cole, 15 from 70, 21.4%; P Walwyn, 7 from 34, 20.6%; J Fanshawe, 4 from 26, 15.4%; G Lewis, 7 from 49, 14.3%; M Prescott, 5 from 35, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: A Garth, 3 winners from 27 rides, 11.1%; G Carter, 13 from 129, 10.1%; W Newnes, 5 from 66, 7.6%; J Williams, 6 from 82, 7.3%; G Duffield, 8 from 115, 7%; G Hind, 4 from 66, 6.1%.

Blinkered first time

ROYAL ASCOT: 2.30 Firm Pledge, 3.45 Zarani Sidi Anna, 4.20 Walking The Plank. NOTTINGHAM: 2.10 Walsham Witch, 5.10 Sylvania.

☐ Ovideo gained compensation for an unlucky debut defeat by winning at Thirsk yesterday. Beaten a head after being hampered at Ayr last month, Ovideo opened her account in the Bramcote School Centenary Stakes.

RIPON

THUNDERER
2.15 Zuno Star. 2.50 Highflying. 3.25 Umbubuzi. 4.00 Mysterious Maid. 4.35 Le Chic. 5.05 Sovereign Page. 5.35 George Dillingham.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM ON TOP BEND)   SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.15 RICHMOND CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,114: 6f) (7 runners)

1	1121	BEST KEPT SECRET 27 (F,G,S) J Berry 9-5	J Carroll 1
2	213	INDIAN DREAMER 69 (G) M Bell 9-1	J O'Dwyer (7) 2
3	010	RAVEN'S RETURN 35 (S) R Hollinshead 9-1	S Perks 3
4	6412	ZUNO STAR 18 (D,F) G Lewis 9-1	Paul Eddery 6
5		SKY DIVER M H Easterby 8-11	M Birch 5
6		SPENVALLEY-KING W Bentley 8-11	R Lappin 4
7	3	TO CROWN IT ALL 12 F Lee 8-11	Dean McKeown 7

7-4 Zuno Star, 11-4 Best Kept Secret, 4-1 Indian Dreamer, 6-1 To Crown It All, 10-1 Raven's Return, 12-1 Sky Diver, 25-1 Spen Valley-King.

2.50 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP
(£3,406: 1m 4f 60yd) (5)

1	-061	HIGHFLYING 5 (CD,F,G,S) G Moore 7-9-10	J Tate (7) 3
2	400-	BOLD ELECT 235 (CD,F,G,S) P Wigham 5-9-8	M Wigham 5
3	-002	JULFAAR 14 (D,F) J Pearce 6-9-4	G Bardwell 4
4	5304	SALU 14 (B,D,BF,G,S) J Etherington 4-8-8	M Birch 2
5	024	MR WOODCOCK 23 Mrs M Reveley 8-8-5	Dean McKeown 1

11-10 Highflying, 3-1 Julfaar, 7-2 Mr Woodcock, 6-1 Salu, 16-1 Bold Elect.

3.25 CITY OF RIPON HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £7,700: 1m) (9)

1	4215	BROWN'S 14 (D,F) P Chapple-Hyam 9-7	Stephen Davies (5) 2
2	3-46	SPARK 18 (F) W Elsey 9-6	J Carroll 3
3	0-60	SILVERLOCKS 34 (F,S) Miss S Hall 9-6	Paul Eddery 1
4	0-10	WILLSHE GAN 34 (F,S) Denys Smith 9-4	D Holland 4
5	114	KEYWAY 67 (D,G) M Prescott 9-4	C Rutter 5
6	-631	SOLOMON'S DANCER 13 (D,F) W Haigh 8-12	Dean McKeown 8
7	410-	CLIBURNEL NEWS 221 (F,G) M Tompkins 8-11	S Mulvey (7) 6
8	-201	AWESTRUCK 18 (D,F,G,S) W Haggas 8-8	N Day 9
9	4260	UMBUBUZI 14 (G) F Lee 8-5	S Perks 7

7-2 Solomon's Dancer, 4-1 Awestruck, 9-2 Keyway, 6-1 Brown's, 7-1 Umbubuzi, 10-1 Willshe Gan, Silverlocks, 16-1 Cliburnel News, 20-1 Spark.

4.00 BEAUMONTS INSURANCE LADIES DERBY HANDICAP
(£3,236: 1m 4f 60yd) (16)

1	4-03	WESTHOLME 7 (F,S) M H Easterby 5-11-7	Mrs S Easterby 14
2	0041	SAINT CIEL 12 (F,S) F Jordan 5-11-5	Miss I Diana W Jones 2
3	3003	DAWN FLIGHT 12 (V) Lady Herries 4-11-1	Mrs M Cowdrey 5
4	6121	PRIME PAINTER 21 (D,G,S) R Fisher 3-10-5	Miss A Yardley (3) 8
5	1142	SHAMSHOM AL ARAB 11 (D,F,S) S Norton 5-10-5	Mrs J Crossley 1
6	00-0	EVERSET 23 (F,G) W Musson 5-10-2	Mrs J Musson 4
7	6000	BREEZED WELL 19 (F,G) B Cambidge 7-10-1	Mrs H Noonan 6
8	2-00	CATHOS 15 (CD,F,G,S) D Wilson 8-9-11	Mrs D Arbuthnot 13
9	0500	BRECKENBROUGH LAD 19 (S) T Barron 6-9-11	Miss P Robson 11
10	-650	SCENIC DANCER 27 (D,F,G) A Hide 5-9-9	Miss L Hide 10
11	0-00	MYSTERIOUS MAID 15 (CD,F,S) J Pearce 6-9-9	Mrs L Pearce 3
12	060/0	INFERRING 11 J Wainwright 5-9-8	Miss A Dencl 12
13	0/0	CHADWICK'S GINGER 44 B Morgan 5-9-6	Miss S Baxter 9
14	4-60	GAY MING 14 (F) R Hollinshead 4-9-5	Mrs G Rees 15
15	0/0-6	LAMBSON 29 R Whitaker 6-9-0	Mrs A Farrell 16
16	00-53	COXANN 7 J McConnochie 7-9-0	Miss V Marshall (3) 7

9-2 Prime Painter, 5-1 Shamshom Al Arab, 6-1 Saint Ciel, 13-2 Dawn Flight, 7-1 Westholme, 8-1 Mysterious Maid, 12-1 Cathos, 16-1 Scenic Dancer, 20-1 Breckenbrough Lad, Gay Ming, 25-1 others.

4.35 ACC HANDICAP (£3,494: 5f) (12)

1	200/0	ALMOST BLUE 12 (D,G,S) Mrs S Smith 7-10-0	Dean McKeown 6
2	46-4	VERY DICEY 13 (D,F,G) W Muir 5-9-10	J Carroll 3
3	1253	JUST BOB 7 (D,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 4-9-7	J Tate (7) 7
4	2560	SIR TASKER 16 (D,F,G) J Harris 5-9-5	D Holland 2
5	3040	PRINCE BELFORT 7 (D,F) J Eyre 5-9-1	A McGlone 12
6	0-65	SIMMIE'S SPECIAL 137 (D,G) R Hollinshead 5-8-10	S Perks 1
7	3-00	ROCK OPERA 7 (D,F) M Naughton 5-8-9	Paul Eddery 4
8	3600	BALLAD DANCER 7 (D,G,S) P Calver 8-8-8	M Birch 5
9	5040	MASTER POKEY 12 (F,G,S) M W Easterby 9-8-8	T Lucas 11
10	0600	LINCSTONE BOY 40 (B,CD,F,G,S) K Burke 5-8-2	S Webster 9
11	4054	LE CHIC 5 (V,D,F,G) D Chapman 7-8-0	Darren Moffatt (5) 10
12	0505	MEESON TIMES 7 (V,D,F,G,S) B Ellison 5-7-8	G Bardwell 8

9-2 Just Bob, 11-2 Le Chic, 6-1 Very Dicey, 7-1 Sir Tasker, 8-1 Master Pokey, 9-1 Prince Belfort, 10-1 Ballad Dancer, 12-1 Simmie's Special, 14-1 Meeson Times, 16-1 Rock Opera, 20-1 Lincstone Boy, 33-1 Almost Blue.

5.05 BEDALE LIMITED STAKES
(£3,002: 1m 2f) (7)

1	2115	DELPIOMBO 13 (B,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-9-0	S Maloney (3) 3
2	4-30	EXPRESS GIFT 11 (F,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-0	Darren Moffatt (5) 2
3	250-	FLOATING LINE 228 (D,F,S) P Wigham 5-9-0	M Wigham 1
4	-000	KING'S GUEST 7 (S) G Moore 4-9-0	Dean McKeown 6
5	0322	LE TEMERAIRE 5 (F,G) N Tinkler 7-9-0	Kim Tinkler 4
6	0361	SOVEREIGN PAGE 7 (D,F) B Hanbury 4-9-0	J Tate (7) 7
7	2214	AEGAEN LADY 6 (S) J Etherington 4-8-9	J Carroll 5

6-4 Sovereign Page, 9-4 Delpiombo, 4-1 Express Gift, 7-1 Aegaen Lady, 14-1 Le Temeraire, 20-1 others.

5.35 MASHAM MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,640: 1m 2f) (13)

1	2-4	BAMBURGH 32 M Stoute 9-0	M Birch 12
2	0-	CIVIL ACTION 284 J Hanson 9-0	A Culhane 5
3	6-22	GEORGE DILLINGHAM 18 P Harris 9-0	Paul Eddery 13
4		GOLDEN SAVANNAH M W Easterby 9-0	T Lucas 1
5	22	GONE TROPPO 14 (BF) H Cecil 9-0	A McGlone 4
6	54	LORD BOTHWELL 48 P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	Stephen Davies (5) 7
7	00	SMUGGLER'S POINT 15 J Gosden 9-0	J Carroll 6
8	64	THATCHED 118 C Wall 9-0	N Day 2
9	20-	TRIPLE 246 B Hills 9-0	D Holland 10
10	0	FATAL SHOCK 21 J Watts 8-9	N Connorton 9
11	056	GRENOBLE 25 W Elsey 8-9	S Maloney (3) 11
12		KAHLO M W Easterby 8-9	Dean McKeown 3
13		LOWLANDS SCRIBE W Barker 8-9	S Webster 8

9-4 Gone Troppo, 3-1 George Dillingham, 4-1 Bamburgh, 7-1 Lord Bothwell, 10-1 Triple, 16-1 Smuggler's Point, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 21 winners from 38 runners, 55.3%; J Pearce, 3 from 8, 37.5%; M Stoute, 10 from 34, 29.4%; B Hills, 8 from 34, 23.5%; M Prescott, 4 from 18, 22.2%; J Gosden, 6 from 29, 20.7%.

JOCKEYS: Stephen Davies, 6 winners from 11 rides, 54.5%; Paul Eddery, 9 from 54, 16.7%; J Carroll, 12 from 90, 13.3%; M Birch, 22 from 174, 12.6%; N Connorton, 10 from 85, 11.8%; S Perks, 6 from 57, 10.5%.

Lions pay big price for leaving Probyn behind



Probyn: much missed

BY PETER BILLS

FATAL flaws in the selection of the British Isles rugby union touring party are unlikely to be rectified completely in the remaining 17 in New Zealand. The decision to move the Lions loose-head prop, Jason Leonard, across the front row for the match against Taranaki in New Plymouth earlier today into the critical tight-head position emphasisesd the extent of mistakes made by the selectors in choosing their squad.

Fran Cotton and Graham Price, the former British Isles front row forwards, believe the difficulty the Lions now find themselves in over their inferior scrummaging is completely self-induced.

The Lions left at home the best two tight-head props, the England veteran, Jeff Probyn, and the Irishman, Peter Clohessy, and took two inferior challengers, Cotton argues. Price, a Lions Test player 12 times, in 1977, 1980 and 1983, says that the greatest mistake of all was to omit Probyn. Price, a renowned tight-head man, believes that the prop switching heads at this level must be a remarkable player.

"Fran Cotton did it but then he was extraordinary," Price said. "He also changed from loose to tight head throughout his career, which was a major difference to the situation now facing Leonard. Leonard does not strike me as a player in the class of Cotton. Even Cotton had a lot of experience of both positions before he played them at international level."

To the outsider oblivious to the technical requirements of the two roles, one may seem similar to the other. Clearly both require strength, fitness and no little courage, but, technically, tight and loose head are worlds apart. The tight head is the rock, the key to the scrummage. If it is stable, the tight head, the No 3, is doing his job. If it is slewing around in a wheel, it is inevitable the tight head is under difficulty. A special physical build is required. Huge shoulders and a massive upper torso are not the only requirement. Probyn, like the now retired Frenchman, Robert Paparemborde, is wider in the hips than the shoulder. This means his opponent, the loose-head prop opposite, finds binding against him difficult. Probyn is, Price says, the best and most awkward tight head around.

With his hips, the tight head can not only bore in on his direct opponent but also drive across the front row to attack the opposing hooker. He is then scrummaging against two opponents, a feat that requires enormous strength. He does this by slipping his inside shoulder from off the loose head and shifting across to challenge them both.

Securing the scrum is the essential element of the tight head's role. By pressuring the opposition, the good tight head can achieve solidity in his own front row. A scrum naturally wheels down the tight head's side and to resist this, to keep it straight, requires considerable power. By contrast, the loose head scrummages against just one opponent and with one shoulder attached. Simply through the way the front rows lock he is asked to take less weight than the tight head. If the scrummage wheels, the loose head is propelled forward while the tight head takes the growing pressure.

Price doubts whether Leonard can master the role immediately. Cotton, however, believes it is possible. "He is physically very powerful and is the right shape. I think he could be a very good tight head. He must adapt his technique and he has got some learning to do. The main problem in adaptation is psychological."

Cotton condemns the mess in which the Lions have clearly got themselves. "We are entitled to ask why on earth they picked the tight heads they did; one of whom, Peter Wright, had never been seen as an international tight head. It was very poor selection."

Bristling Hughes leads Australia to clowning glory

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, on the fast bowler whose comic image belies a record that puts him near the top of his profession

IAN STEWART



Express delivery: Hughes has taken 185 Test wickets at an average of 27.49

MERV Hughes has been called many things in his time and they have not always been affectionate or respectful. But Bob Simpson calls him "the spirit of Australian cricket", which is as good a label as any for the man who is everyone's photofit image of a boorish ocker yet who has the strength, heart and mind of a formidable sportsman.

Hughes, more than anyone else, is responsible for Australia being able to take a 1-0 lead into the second Cornhill Test at Lord's tomorrow. He beat England into submission at Old Trafford, a fact conceded with grudging admiration by Graham Gooch. "Hughes won them the game," Gooch said. "On a flat pitch he kept at us all the time."

While Shane Warne was taking the glory and the awards on a surface that might have been designed for him, Hughes was taking as many wickets, and important ones at pivotal times. It was an heroic effort, the latest of many, and yet an unworthy tendency to scoff at Hughes and brand him an imposter still persists.

Sporting stereotypes are rigid in England and Hughes not only breaks the mould, he throws it away. From the hairy, sweating face, dominated by a handlebar moustache and topped by various types of severe scissoring, through the ample girth to the apparently inadequate legs, Hughes is an extraordinary sight. Take away the bits that are carefully cultivated for the sake of a commercial image and you are still not left with the makings of an athlete.

As he is also loud, vulgar and excessively confrontational, Hughes is all too easily dismissed as a clown. It has been this way throughout his career and it is time it stopped. He is a serious cricketer, with brain to match his brawn, and there are signs that this Ashes series will at last see him acknowledged as such. "It amazes me that people go on underrating him," Simpson, the Australia coach, said.

"He was a forgotten man on our 1989 tour and it happened again in Manchester. But he is the soul of our team, one of the first men picked."

Hughes's 46 Tests have brought him 185 wickets at an average on a 27.49, roughly on a par with Jeff Thomson. His strike-rate of one wicket every 56 balls puts him behind only Thomson, Dennis Lillee and Craig McDermott among Australian fast bowlers. But the statistics tell only half the story, as Simpson explains: "He has always taken important wickets for us."

Against West Indies last winter Hughes dismissed Richie Richardson five times out of eight. Then, in the first Test in New Zealand, he accounted for Martin Crowe twice and Australia won by an innings. The trend continued at Old Trafford, where, in England's first innings, he he broke the spirited opening stand by dismissing Atherton and then, crucially, bowled Mike Gatting with the last ball of the fourth day. In its way, it was as devastating as Gatting's first-innings dismissal to Warne's wonder ball. He ended Gooch's defiance, but receives no official credit for the "handled the ball" verdict and, in each innings, he ran through the tail.

To the concern of the England selectors, Hughes also took it upon himself to diminish the new-found confidence of Graeme Hick. In part, this took the form of verbal abuse and intimidation, the unacceptable side of Hughes and one which prompted Michael Atherton to advise him good-humouredly to learn some new lines. "We've heard all those before, Merv," Atherton said.

But Hughes also skilfully explored Hick's Achilles' heel. Peppering Hick with rising balls, which he played awkwardly, with his bat held too close to the chest, Hughes took his wicket in both innings, psychological points which Hick will do well to recover.

It was an example of the thoughtful cricket for which Hughes is given little credit. With the tip-toeing run-up, which looks part of a comedy turn, he does not immediately strike fear into the heart of the batsman, but he is capable of bowling a genuinely quick ball. His strength, however, is the constant variation of pace and angle of delivery. His slowest ball is a leg break, which looks a joke ball but is not bowled for fun. David Gower lost his off stump to it during England's last tour of Australia.

The stamina which serves Hughes so well can be traced to his youth. He came from Werribee, a working-class suburb of Melbourne, and in his late teens he set off round Australia with a mate. In the north, he spent some months working in a factory, where the temperature was seldom lower than 40°C. Anything cricket could offer was comfortable after that.

His humour may seem contrived and schoolboyish, but it serves its purpose in the dressing-room. "He is very noisy and can be a complete pest," Simpson said. "With some people that can be a cover for insecurity, but not with Merv. What you see is what you get. He is also a great storyteller, and does it to ease tension. During the one-day game at Edgbaston, when we were chasing a big total, he told jokes for an hour solid. We were in fits of laughter while Border and Mark Waugh were winning us the game.

"He is a highly intelligent man, just different in his ways. He's very good with youngsters and is perceptive enough to notice things in people which others will miss. This comes out in his cricket and the variety of his bowling.

"He is naturally heavy, he loves eating and he sometimes gets by through his strength rather than natural fitness. He has to lose more weight or he is not going to have as long a career as he should. Because of that, Merv will do it. Sure, he likes to be the clown but, every now and again, he lets you through the veneer and you see what it really means to him to be where he is today."

Draw gives Agassi tough opener

BY STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

WHEN the Wimbledon draws were made at the All England club yesterday, the announcement of two names provoked a sharp intake of breath. Bernd Karbacher and Marc Goellner, talented Germans who may make an even greater impact on the tournament itself next week.

Karbacher is to open the championships on Monday by sharing the centre court with Andre Agassi, the defending champion and eighth seed. Goellner will face his senior compatriot, Boris Becker, the fourth seed and the winner of the title in 1985, 1986 and 1989.

Karbacher, a hard-hitting 24-year-old from Munich, is ranked No 36 in the world. His promise was confirmed recently when he knocked Michael Chang, the twelfth seed at Wimbledon, not only out of the French Open but also, more significantly, out of the grass-court tournament at Halle on Monday. He has already taken Agassi the full distance, at an event in Indian Wells last year.

If the champion does survive, in the next round he could take on Ross Matheson, the tall Scot who eliminated the thirteenth seed, Jakob Hlasek, at Queen's Club last week, and the passionate support of the home crowd.

Goellner, a strapping 22-year-old from Bonn, ranked No 34 in the world, already overshadows Becker in one respect (at 6ft 5in, he is two inches taller) but, in another, he is of smaller stature. Whereas the powerful former champion earned the soubriquet "Boom Boom", he is known as "Baby Boom Boom".

Theirs promises to be a thunderous collision. The winner is scheduled to meet in the last 16 Michael Stich, who last week knocked Becker out in the quarter-final of the Stella Artois championships.

Pete Sampras, the top seed, was beaten in his opening match there and, assuming he does not suffer the same ignominious fate at Wimbledon, he could then meet the surprise element at Queen's, Jamie Morgan. He knocked out Stefan Edberg on his way to the semi-final. Edberg, the Wimbledon champion in 1988 and 1990, has been granted the easiest draw of the leading contenders. The second seed starts against a qualifier and may play the British No 2, Chris Wilkinson, before a scheduled match against Thomas Muster.

The last 16 should match Sampras and Karel Novacek, Richard Krajicek and Agassi, Becker and MaliVai Washington, Petr Korda and Stich, Goran Ivanisevic and Chang, Wayne Ferreira and Jim Courier, Ivan Lendl and Andrei Medvedev, and Muster and Edberg.

That is how the seeding committee foresees it, but the bookmakers will be startled if all goes to plan. They have described the men's singles, for which there are three joint favourites, as the most open in history. The women's singles should follow a more predictable course.

Clare Wood will have to upset the odds, for a start, if she is to play in the brightest spotlight. The British No 2 must beat Kimiko Date, who was seeded here last year, to earn the right to play Steffi Graf, the top seed and favourite, who starts against a qualifier.

WIMBLEDON SINGLES DRAW

MEN: First round: P SAMPRAS (US) v N Borwick (Aus), A Chesnokov (Russ) v J Morgan (Aus), B Black (Zim) v R Weiss (US), T Ho (US) v qualifier, G Stafford (SA) v J Palmer (US), qualifier v A Olhovskiy (Russ), T Enquist (Swe) v A Foster (GB), L Herrera (Mex) v K NOVACEK (Cz), R KRAJICEK (Hol) v N Kulti (Swe), J Eltingh (Hol) v M Rosset (Switz), R Ranseberg (US) v S Sman (Fr), qualifier v G Schaller (Austria), qualifier v L Jonsson (Swe), qualifier v qualifier, R Matheson (GB) v J Cunha-Silva (Por), B Karbacher (Ger) v A AGASSI (US), B BECKER (Ger) v M Goellner (Ger), A Volkov (Russ) v A Jarryd (Swe), qualifier v M Petchey (GB), J Hlasek (Switz) v D Nargiso (It), A Antonitsch (Austria) v D Prinosil (Ger), D Perez (Uru) v H Leconte (Fr), A Krickstein (US) v A O'Brien (US), G Raoux (Fr) v M WASHINGTON (US), P KORDA (Cz) v M Strelba (Cz), B Gilbert (US) v C Bergstrom (Swe), M Cindrusic (SA) v J Tarango (US), D Rostagno (US) v qualifier, C van Rensburg (SA) v C-U Steeb (Ger), K Braasch (Ger) v C MacLagan (GB), S Stolle (Aus) v J Allur (Sp), J Siemerink (Hol) v M STICH (Ger), G IVANISEVIC (Cro) v J Stark (US), C Bailey (GB) v P McEnroe (US), C Dosedel (Cz) v M Gomz (Sp), T Martin (US) v R Gilbert (Fr), qualifier v B Shelton (US), N Pereira (Ven) v D Wheaton (US), T Woodbridge (Aus) v H de la Perla (Arg), P Haarhuis (Hol) v M CHANG (US), W FERREIRA (SA) v R Acasr (Arg), C Costa (Sp) v qualifier, M Woodforde (Aus) v S Matsuoka (Japan), H Holm (Swe) v R Fromberg (Aus), P Kuhnen (Swe) v M Larsson (Swe), D Vacek (Cz) v J Stoltenberg (Aus), R Agenor (Hait) v T Carbonell (Sp), G Pozzi (It) v J COURIER (US), I LENDL (US) v qualifier, S Cole (GB) v A Boetsch (Fr), B Steven (NZ) v M Gustafsson (Swe), W Masur (Aus) v J Sánchez (Sp), qualifier v A Cherkasov (Russ), H Skoff (Austria) v K Karlsen (Den), C Pioline (Fr) v M Damm (Cz), qualifier v A MEDVEDEV (Ukr), T MUSTER (Austria) v O Delaitre (Fr), C Adams (US) v R Maliszewski (US), J Fitzgerald (Aus) v B Wuyts (Bel), J Frana (Arg) v M Bates (GB), D Orsanic (Arg) v C Wilkinson (GB), J Svensson (Swe) v qualifier, A Mansdorf (Isr) v qualifier, qualifier v S EDBERG (Swe).

WOMEN: First round: S GRAF (Ger) v qualifier, C Wood (GB) v K Date (Japan), R McQuillan (Aus) v P Shriver (US), P Langrova (Cz) v H Kelesi (Can), T Whitlinger (US) v A Grossman (US), qualifier v N Feber (Bel), S Stafford (US) v S Meier (Ger), S Testud (Fr) v A COETZER (SA), M MALEEVA-FRAGNIERE (Bul) v L Woodroffe (GB), J Halard (Fr) v N Sawamatsu (Japan), N Arendt (US) v I Demongeot (Fr), L Raymond (US) v L Allen (US), B Schultz (Holl) v P Tarabini (Arg), W Probst (Ger) v C Robin (US), J Durie (GB) v P Smylie (Aus), S-A Siddall (GB) v J CAPRIATI (US), A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) v R Zrubakova (Cz), C Hall (GB) v L Neiland (Lat), S Wasserman (Bel) v F Li (China), E Reinach (SA) v P Fendick (US), qualifier v N Provis (Aus), E Brioukhovets (Ukr) v D Monami (Bel), S Farina (It) v R Bobkova (Cz), N Baudone (It) v H SUKOVA (Cz), M MALEEVA (Bul) v L Meskhi (Geo), L McNeil (US) v A Grunfeld (GB), R White (US) v T Ignatieva (Russ), Y Basuki (Indo) v N van Lottum (Fr), qualifier v K Kroupova (Cz), P Paradis-Mangon (Fr) v M Bollegraf (Holl), S Rottier (Holl) v H Wiesner (Austria), G Helgeson (US) v C MARTINEZ (Sp), J NOVOTNA (Cz) v E Zardo (Switz), J Kruger (SA) v I Gorrochategui (Arg), M Werdel (US) v N Escepovic (Cro), M Zivec-Skulj (Ger) v A Gavaldon (Mex), A Wainwright (GB) v C Kuhlman (US), C Singer (Ger) v G Pizzichini (It), K Oluvirec (Fr) v M Oremans (Holl), B Bowes (US) v M PIERCE (Fr), A HUBER (Ger) v C Dahlman (Swe), K Studenikova (Cz) v qualifier, qualifier v C Porwik (Ger), K Po (US) v F Labat (Arg), L Fernando (It) v N Dahlman (Fin), N Medvedeva (Ukr) v D Graham (US), K Rinaldi (US) v F Romano (It), C Cunningham (US) v G SABATINI (Arg), M-J FERNANDEZ (US) v K Nagatsuka (Japan), R Dragomir (Rom) v A Fusai (Fr), Z Garrison-Jackson (US) v S Hack (Ger), qualifier v G Fernandez (US), S Appelmans (Bel) v K Kschwandt (Ger), S Frankl (Ger) v qualifier, A Strnadova (Cz) v K Boogert (Holl), N Zvereva (Belarus) v K MALEEVA (Bul), N TAUZIAT (Fr) v R Stubbs (Aus), M Javer (GB) v A Temesvari (Hun), L Harvey-Wild (US) v B Rittner (Ger), V Martinek (Ger) v L Davenport (US), K Cross (GB) v M Endo (Japan), P Hy (Can) v R Hiraki (Japan), L Gildemeister (Peru) v R Nideffer (SA), M Jaggard-Lai (Aus) v M NAVRATILOVA (US).

* seeded players in caps

Bailey caps fine day for Britain

CHRIS Bailey rounded off a memorable day for Britain at the Direct Line Insurance Open in Didsbury, when he knocked out the top seed, MaliVai Washington, of the United States (Ian Ross writes).

The British No 3 surprisingly beat Washington, the world No 17, who is seeded fourteenth at Wimbledon, 7-6, 6-2.

Earlier, the unfamiliar burden of expectancy did not appear to be weighing too heavily on the slender shoulders of Jeremy Bates.

While aware that he will once again carry the hopes of a nation at the All England club next week after reaching the last 16 at Wimbledon twelve months ago, the British No 1 is seemingly unperturbed.

"More than ever I feel I want to do well at Wimbledon," Bates said yesterday, after moving into the second round. "It would be nice to generate that much interest again and to have the whole country up on its feet."

Although he did not lead his occasional doubles partner, Byron Black, of Zimbabwe, until deep into the final set at Didsbury, Bates deserved his 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 victory over Byron Black.

Chris Wilkinson, Britain's No 2, from Fair Oak, dispatched Javier Frana, of Argentina, 7-5, 6-4.

Fernandez falls at second hurdle

BY ALIX RAMSAY

AFTER Monday's play had been all but washed out, the players were on double time at the Volkswagen Cup in Eastbourne yesterday as the organisers tried to complete the first and second rounds.

Mary Joe Fernandez, the No 3 seed and runner-up at the French Open, found the going too tough. She began her day struggling to beat a determined and tenacious Shirli-Ann Siddall, 6-4, 7-5 but ran out of steam against Ginger Helgeson, 6-2, 6-2.

Seeded five at Wimbledon and admitting to still learning the business of grass-court play, Fernandez is fast running out of time to hone her game before the championships.

For Jo Durie playing at all was a bonus. Four weeks ago, she had surgery on her left knee and her 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 victory over Elena Likhovtseva was the first test of the surgeon's handiwork. At 32 and after repair work to her back, wrist and now her knee, Britain's No 1 is held together by hard work and elastoplast.

"I have some aches and pains," she said. "I'm a poor old dear but I'll have to get on with it. I was waiting for my knee to hurt out there but it didn't, which is marvellous. Thank goodness Martina's playing here — there's someone older than me."

Durie got a little carried away with the ease of her comeback, dropping the second set against the 17-year-old from Kazakhstan. "I tried hitting winners instead of playing but I calmed down in the third. I'm happy just to be playing again," she said.

While the sun was raising the temperature on court, every effort was being made to cool things off in the locker-room. On Saturday, Pam Shriver and Zina Garrison — the 1988 Olympic doubles gold medal-winners — had a public argument after their fiery quarter-final match in Edgbaston, with Garrison accusing Shriver of making racist remarks.

Yesterday Shriver apologised, but again denied that she was in any way racist. "I can't even say the word," she said. "One of the proudest moments of my life was winning a gold medal with Zina. We go back a long way. It would be one of my saddest moments if that friendship did not endure."

The rift was only partly healed. "The hurt is deep," Garrison said. "They say words can never hurt you but it's still very hurting to me."

Martina Navratilova cruised through her matches, disposing of Ruxandra Dragomir and Robin White for the loss of only seven games. The other British players stumbled out: Clare Wood to Lori McNeil, 6-4, 6-1, Amanda Grunfeld to Larisa Neiland, 6-3, 6-2 and Monique Javer to Helena Sukova, 6-2, 6-1.

Police fear violence at World Cup

A POLICE chief from Chicago admitted yesterday that he is worried about potential violence in the city when European football hooligans attend next year's World Cup finals.

"It's a scary proposition," Jack Seamans, the Chicago police commander for special events, said. "We are concerned and we are preparing for the worst."

Seamans said it was rare that violence broke out at American football, baseball or basketball games "and what is the biggest concern is that it seems to be organised violence at European soccer games which is something we have never experienced". He went on: "Knowing the amount of people who could come over on cheap air fares — and that's another concern — it could be a problem.

"What is deeply worrying is these people's disregard for safety, their disregard for property and their complete disregard for law and order."

The Chicago police department used Sunday's US Cup game between the United States and Germany as a trial run for next year's tournament and reported no arrests during or after the match, attended by 53,549 spectators. Police in Foxboro, Massachusetts made eight arrests for drunken and disorderly behaviour after last week's England match against the United States and one English supporter was refused entry at a border post with Canada.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Pagel receives ban after Tordo injury

GARY Pagel, the Western Province prop forward accused of raking Jean-François Tordo, the France captain, has been suspended until the end of March. Tordo required 50 stitches in his face after the incident during a match last Saturday and will miss the remainder of the tour. The South African Rugby Football Union said in a statement that a committee studied the videotape of the match and determined that Pagel was guilty of dangerous play.

"The committee is of the opinion that dangerous play, whether intentional or otherwise, should be eradicated at all levels of the game," it said. Pagel described the raking as "unintentional". France won the first two matches of their tour, but yesterday lost to South Africa B, 35-22, in East London. Joost van der Westhuizen scored two tries for South Africa B.

Johnson goes for 400

ATHLETICS: Michael Johnson, the American sprinter, is hoping to compete in the 400 metres at the world championships in Stuttgart in August. A thigh injury last month has disrupted his speed training and will prevent him from defending the 200 metres title he won at the 1991 championships in Tokyo. Johnson was fastest at both distances last year, but opted out of trying for an Olympic double. In the event, he flopped in the 200 metres in Barcelona. He lines up in the American trials against Quincy Watts, the Olympic champion, Steve Lewis, who was runner-up in Barcelona, Antonio Pettigrew, the defending world champion, and Butch Reynolds.

Hardy hot on trail

BOXING: Billy Hardy is hot on the trail of Paul Hodkinson, the former world featherweight champion. Hardy, of Sunderland, is the leading contender for the European title and if Hodkinson beats the European Boxing Union champion, Maurizio Stecca, from Italy, this autumn, Hardy will qualify to challenge Hodkinson, of Liverpoool, by right. It is the kind of high-profile chance Hardy has been seeking since losing two International Boxing Federation bantamweight championship bouts against Orlando Canizales, from Texas, in 1990 and 1991.

Pay offer for referees

FOOTBALL: Rick Parry, the chief executive of the Premier League, said yesterday that extra money would be made available for referees, in return for a more professional approach from them. Referees are asking for £400 a game next season compared with their match payment of £165 in the inaugural Premier League campaign. Parry offered £200 a match as an interim settlement and £100 for linesmen, a proposed rise of £25. The referees' association, which holds its annual conference next month, has yet to agree.

Player faces Palmer

GOLF: Arnold Palmer and Gary Player have entered the Senior British Open at Royal Lytham and St Annes from July 22 to 25. Player won the last of his three Open titles at Lytham in 1974, when he earned £5,500. Prize-money for the seniors' event this year will total £220,000, with the winner receiving £36,650. Player, 57, and Palmer, 63, captured 16 major championships between them. Among other leading players will be Bob Charles, of New Zealand, who won the Open in 1963 at Lytham; Neil Coles and Tommy Horton.

Pioneer in Moscow

BOXING: Glenn McCrory will take part in the first professional world title bout in Moscow when he tries to regain the IBF crusierweight title from Alfred "Ice Man" Cole on July 16. McCrory, 28, retired after being knocked out in two rounds by Lennox Lewis in a heavyweight contest 21 months ago but trimmed back to cruiserweight and made a comeback. After winning three contests, McCrory was given a place in the IBF top 12 ratings to qualify as Cole's voluntary challenger.

IndyCar race in doubt

MOTOR RACING: The future of the only IndyCar race held outside North America appears uncertain after the Queensland state government said yesterday that it was reconsidering its financial support for the race because it was costing taxpayers too much. The Australian Indy Grand Prix is held each March on a street circuit at Surfers Paradise, 50 miles south of Brisbane. "I think the continued support for the Indy is about a 50-50 chance at this stage," Wayne Goss, the Queensland premier, said.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (33239)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (70341061)
9.05 Morning Surgery. Includes advice on how a trip to the chemist might save time and money (s) (7357177) **9.20 Hot Chefs.** John Dicken and Michael Womersley prepare two game dishes (8842535) **9.45 Whatever Happened To..?** Kenneth Kendall looks at stories that were once headline news (s) (3863413)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8608581) **10.05 Playdays.** For infants (s) (7914993) **10.30 Tales of Aesop.** *The Fox, the Wolf and the Sausages* (r) (2043719)
10.35 Gardeners' World Live presented by Michele Newman and Tim Grundy (s) (6112210)
11.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1355622) **11.05 Knots Landing** (r) (9251535) **11.50 Holiday Outings.** What Paris has to offer children (r) (4584351)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9783559) **12.05 Tom and Jerry's Greatest Hits** (5493887) **12.25 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (72107719)
1.00 One O'Clock News with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (60210) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (83118332)
1.50 Royal Ascot. Live coverage of four races on the second day of the meeting — the 2.30, 3.05, 3.45 and, on BBC2, the 4.20 (46683326)
4.00 Cartoon (5237457) **4.10 Galaxy Goof-Ups** (9022784) **4.35 The Movie Game.** Film and video quiz. (Ceefax) (s) (2761448)
5.00 Newsround (4165581) **5.10 Byker Grove.** Episode four (r). (Ceefax) (9701142)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (834897). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Jennie Bond. (Ceefax) Weather (535)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (887). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (3806)
7.30 Tomorrow's World in Berlin (r). (Ceefax) (s) (871)
8.00 Growing Pains. Ray Brooks and Sharon Duce star in the comedy drama series about the highs and lows of fostering. (Ceefax) (s) (238177)
8.50 TV Heroes. Danny Baker in praise of Spike Milligan. (Ceefax) (s) (610790)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3697)



Bargains in court: Judge Rothwax (9.30pm)

9.30 Inside Story: New York Law. (Ceefax) See Choice (607245)
10.20 Film: Brainstorm (1983) starring Christopher Walken, Natalie Wood and Cliff Robertson. Entertaining science fiction drama about two research scientists whose experiments with the human brain bring them to the notice of sinister forces. Directed by Douglas Trumbull. (Ceefax) (356210). **Northern Ireland:** The Quiet Land 10.50 Film: Gallipoli
12.10am Royal Ascot. Highlights from the second day of the meeting (3581982)
12.30 Weather (1890562). Ends at **12.35. Northern Ireland** (to 12.55): Royal Ascot
2.15-3.45 BBC Select: Accountancy Television. Scrambled (834562) ***3.15 Legal Network Television.*** Scrambled (35833)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Santo Spirito — a Renaissance Church (9354993) **7.10** The Enlightenment: Slaves and Noble Savages (7196023) **7.35** The Great Exhibition of 1851 (1845239)
8.00 Breakfast News (4480603)
8.15 Westminster (6687500)
9.00 Daytime on Two: Topics for Tutorials (7356448) **9.15** Ghostwriter (217103) **9.45** You and Me (3861055) **10.00** Ulster in Focus (7913264) **10.25** Help Your Child with Science (8609210) **10.35** English Express (s) (6110852) **11.00** Words and Pictures (s) (1356326) **11.15** Zig Zag (2807852) **11.35** Ghostwriter (8769177) **12.05** Media Studies for Highers and Modules (5491429) **12.25** Links (9786061) **12.50** Teaching Today (8332351) **1.20** Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams (s) (57276069) **1.35** Crystal Tipps and Alastair (89228577) **1.40** Zig Zag (83034326)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (54038992) **2.15 Canvas.** Barrie Humphries admires works by Charles Edward Conder in the Queen's Park Gallery, Manchester (r) (96034577)
2.35 CountryFile (r) (2572448)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (2958871) followed by **Westminster Live** (8848852) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8059871)
4.00 Royal Ascot continued from BBC1. Live coverage of the Royal Hunt Cup (4.20) (s) (2309697)
4.35 US Open 1992. On the eve of this year's championship, a reminder of last year's event at Pebble Beach, won by Tom Kite (9304662)
5.30 Too Much Too Young. A film about a project designed to help young children who are forced to care for sick or infirm parents (264)
6.00 Star Trek (r). (Ceefax) (573546)
6.50 Piano Lessons. Black comedy short written and directed by Jonothan Cullinane about a boy who is given a piano for his thirteenth birthday (r) (568158)
7.05 Cardiff Singer of the World. Tonight's five competitors include the English soprano Tinuke Olafimihan (s) (985603)



In defence of the British school dinner (7.55pm)

7.55 Open Space: Lumpy Custard's Last Stand? (Ceefax) See Choice (336806)
8.25 Freya Stark in Italy. The first of two documentaries celebrating the life and work of the celebrated explorer who died last month. In this 1982 *Omnibus* programme she is visited by John Julius Norwich at her home in the hills to the north of Venice (506500)
9.00 Separate But Equal. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (2968)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (623603)
11.15 The Late Show: Italian Week. Tonight's edition includes a visit to the Venice Biennale (r) (687581)
11.55 Weather (300210)
12.00 Easing the Pain. A look at the work of a pain relief clinic (61630). Ends at **12.30am**

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CHOICE

Inside Story: New York Law
BBC1, 9.30pm

Every United States citizen has the constitutional right to trial by jury but in New York City fewer than 1 per cent of defendants exercise it. The majority of the cases are decided by "plea bargaining". This involves getting the accused to plead guilty by offering a lesser sentence than they might otherwise get. It saves time and unclogs the courts. But for defendants, particularly poor blacks on legal aid, it can be little more than legalised bullying. Richard Denton's film observes the process at first hand, watching a succession of accused blacks crumble into submission before the ferocious Judge Rothwax, who is unapologetic. Plea bargaining is being considered for British courts. The message of the film is that it is one American import we can do without.

Dispatches
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A report from the United States returns to the Watergate scandal of 20 years ago and suggests that we may have got it all wrong. The supposed purpose of the White House-inspired burglary of the Democratic party headquarters was political, to find material that might help the reelection of President Nixon. This revision of the story suggests different motives, linked with a call-girl ring and the Mafia connections, through his marriage, of Nixon's aide, John Dean. Much is still speculation and Dean, the central figure in this new version of events, refused to be interviewed. But since Dean has issued libel writs against the chief burglar, Gordon Liddy, and others who have raised doubts, the truth may yet emerge in the courts.



Civil rights: Poitier and Lancaster (BBC2, 9.00pm)

Separate but Equal
BBC2, 9.00pm

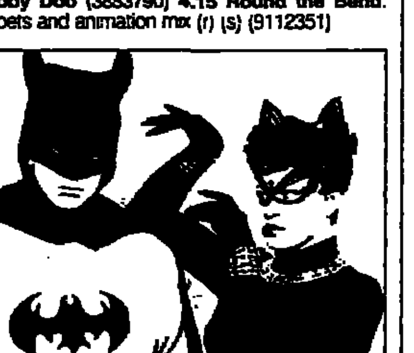
Sidney Poitier and Burt Lancaster star as rival lawyers in a two-part dramatisation of a American civil rights case from the early 1950s. In South Carolina black children have to walk up to six miles to their school because only the white kids are provided with a bus. Black parents decide to challenge the system, engage New York attorney Poitier and turn the action into a wider claim for black equality. *Separate and Equal* was written and directed by George Stevens Jr, son of the Hollywood director who made *Shane*. It is an earnest and well-intentioned drama, with impeccably liberal attitudes, but a shade one-dimensional. The blacks are the good guys and the whites are the baddies and it would help to have some shades of grey.

Open Space: Lumpy Custard's Last Stand?
BBC2, 7.55pm

Virginia Branney from the union Nupe mounts a sturdy defence of that maligned British institution, the school dinner. The meals may be unfondly remembered for their grisly meat, smelly cabbage and lumpy custard but Branney argues that they have performed a vital social role. In a lively discourse which draws on verse and song, Branney traces the history of school dinners from their introduction in the 1840s. She points out that for poor children they were often the only proper meal of the day. Branney argues that there are still poor families, as well as concern about children's diet. Yet spending cuts are making the school dinner an endangered species. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. This morning's guests include Kristian Schmid and Rosemarie Ford (3419832)
9.25 Cross Wits Crossword game (8754326) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7827413)
10.00 Out of this World. American comedy series about a schoolgirl who inherits her alien father's powers (r) (s) (38177)
10.30 This Morning. Family magazine series (32067500)
12.10 Allsorts Young children's entertainment (r) (s) (5312968)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and John Barnes. (Teletext) Weather (1459516) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (93872608)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial (Teletext) (213784) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (s) (212055)
2.15 The View. Loyd Grossman presents viewers' comments on ITV programmes. Last in the series (300264) **2.45 Take the High Road.** Highlands-based drama serial (2565156)
3.10 ITN News headlines (2049177) **3.15 London Today** *(Teletext) and weather* (2048448) **3.20 The Young Doctors** Drama serial set in an Australian city hopital (7055784)
3.50 Scooby Doo (3883790) **4.15 Round the Bend.** Puppets and animation mix (r) (s) (9112351)



Fancy dress: Lazzeri and Michaels (4.40pm)

4.40 The Lodge. Last in the drama serial about children in care. Starring Martino Lazzeri and Debra Michaels (s) (1755239)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (8722448)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) Weather (531603)
6.00 London Tonight. Includes Jack Pizzy taking flight with *96-year-old bi-plane pilot* Stanley Wood (67516)
7.00 Fantastic Facts. The first of a new 12-part series of unusual stories from around the world, presented by Jonathan Ross and Fiona Armstrong (s) (8974)
7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (239)
8.00 The Darling Buds of May. The first in a repeat of the second series of the comedy drama based on the novels by H.E. Bates, starring David Jason and Pam Ferris. (Teletext) (s) (4069)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (32332) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (385581)
10.40 Sport in Question. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves introduce a new series in which sports personalities discuss sporting issues before a studio audience. Tonight's guests include Chelsea FC chairman Ken Bates, sports writer Jeff Powell and Fred Truman (s) (656326)
11.40 Film: Such Good Friends (1971) starring Dyan Cannon and James Coco. Black comedy about a woman who has to re-assess her marriage after she accidentally discovers her husband's infidelities after he goes into hospital with a mystery illness. Directed by Otto Preminger (573790)
1.30am Entertainment UK. Weekly leisure time guide (s) (49611)
2.30 America's Top Ten (s) (25036)
3.00 The Little Picture Show. Film and video reviews (r) (62562)
4.00 60 Minutes. American news magazine (r) (57938)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (44524)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (66185)

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6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). Classic American comedy series starring Lucille Ball (90142) **6.45 Spitt and Hercules.** Cat and dog cartoon series (2442326)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (56061)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show (s) (46581)
9.30 Schools (949055)
12.00 The Parliament Programme with Anne Perkins (39245)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series. The guest is actor Tony Danza (r) (85603)
1.30 Sandokan. Animated adventures of a pirate prince (r) (76210)
2.00 Film: Under Two Flags (1936, b/w) starring Ronald Colman. Drama about an Englishman who joins the Foreign Legion to cover up a crime committed by his brother and finds himself caught between two women (Claudette Colbert and Rosalind Russell) and an envious commandant (Victor McLaglen). Directed by Frank Lloyd (175535)
3.45 Pete Smith Specialties: Treasures from Trash (1946, b/w) (8054326)
3.55 Pottery Ladies A documentary look at the lives and work of women painters who worked in the Staffordshire potteries between the late 1920s and the early 1940s (r) (3402177)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge knock out quiz. (Teletext) (s) (652)
5.00 All About Bears Wildlife short made by the National Film Board of Canada (3757974)
5.15 Film: The Defection of Simas Kudirka (1978) starring Alan Arkin and Donald Pleasence. A made-for-television real-life drama about a Lithuanian seaman who jumped from his Russian ship on to the deck of a United States coast guard cutter off Massachusetts in 1970 in the hope of being granted political asylum. Directed by David Lowell Rich (44072177)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext) Weather (808500)
7.50 Party Political Comment by a Labour party politician (588332)
8.00 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (5264)



Spot the cat: the endangered cheetah (8.30pm)

8.30 The Fastest Thing on Four Legs. A Survival documentary about the cheetah (r) (Teletext) (1871)
9.00 Dispatches. See Choice (484500)
9.45 He-Play, She-Play: The Vacuum, by Nick Herrett. Simon McBurney stars as a man who discovers the mysticism of household appliances (r) (s) (363535)
10.00 The Golden Palace. Comedy spin-off from *The Golden Girls* in which Rose, Blanche and Sophia run a Miami hotel. (Teletext) (s) (30974)
10.30 Sin With Bruce Morton: Avarice The award-winning Glaswegian comedian continues his journey through four of the seven deadly sins (s) (808852)
11.05 ENG. Canadian drama series about a television newsgathering team (511429)
12.05am One Night Stand Stand-up comedian Mike Binder recorded at the Old Vic Theater, Chicago (1005036)
12.35 Film: Navrang Chundri (1979) starring Upendra Trivedi and Snehlata. Drama about the conflicts within a small rural community in the Sawrashtra region of Gujarat, India. In Gujarati with English subtitles (98907562). Ends at **3.25**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Gardening Time (300264) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8722448) **6.00** Home and Away (248142) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (863622) **10.40** Film: Night Moves (81424974) **12.35** Film: The Nuclear Conspiracy (19016630) **2.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (30388) **3.15** 60 Minutes (8818814) **4.05** Cue the Music (7335949) **4.40** Riviera (37147036) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (3774036)

BORDER
As London except: 2.15 Gardening Time (300264) **2.45-3.10** Sprockets (1522871) **3.20-3.50** GP. (7055784) **6.00** Lookaround (603) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (555) **10.40** The Equalizer (739603) **11.35** Ice Hockey (878351) **12.35** Film. The Nuclear Conspiracy (19016630) **2.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (30388) **3.15** 60 Minutes (8818814) **4.05** Cue the Music (7335949) **4.40** Riviera (37147036) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (3774036)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (213784) **1.45** Home and Away (212055) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (300264) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (7055784) **5.10-5.40** *Blockbusters* (8722448) ***6.00** Home and* Away (248142) **6.25-7.00** Central News (863622) **10.40** Film: Perfect Gentlemen (17505968) **12.25** Tour of Duty (6774140) **1.20** Entertainment UK (2596920) **2.20** Stage Three (2085494) **3.20.** BPM (3373307) **4.20** Jobfinder (2148388) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (5601098)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (212055) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (300264) **6.00** HTV News (603) **6.30-7.00** The West Country Game (555) **10.40** Film: 10 to Midnight (81424974) **12.35** Film: The Nuclear Conspiracy. (19016630) **2.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7335949) **3.15** 60 Minutes (8818814) **4.05** Cue the Music (7335949) **4.40** Riviera (37147036) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (3774036)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Foley Square

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Loud and Clear (300264) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (603) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (555) **10.40** Film: The Osterman Weekend (81433622) **12.30-1.30** Murder, She Wrote (99123)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Yan Can Cook (300264) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (781429) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (555) **10.40** Street Legal (739603) **10.35** International Three Day Event. (878351) **12.35** American Gladiators (9086122) **1.25** Hollywood Report (4501630) **1.55** Videofashion (7477901) **2.25** Transworld Sport (2085494) **3.25** Music Box (3373307) **4.25-5.30** Jobs

ULSTER
As London except: 3.20-3.50 Blockbusters (7055784) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (67516) **10.40** Isle of Man TT (5151142) **12.05** Wanted: Dead or Alive (1007494) **12.35** Film: The Nuclear Conspiracy (19016630) **2.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (30388) **3.15** 60 Minutes (8818814) **4.05** Cue the Music (7335949) **4.40** Riviera (37147036) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (3774036)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Westcountry Focus (300264) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (7055784) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (67516) **10.40** Film: Cisco Pike (81433622) **12.35** Film: The Nuclear Conspiracy (19016630) **2.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (30388) **3.15** 60 Minutes (8818814) **4.05** Cue the Music (7335949) **4.40** Riviera (37147036) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (3774036)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Yan Can Cook (300264) **5.55** Calendar (781429) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (555) **10.40** Street Legal (739603) **11.35** International Three Day Event (878351) **12.35** American Gladiators (9086122) **1.25** Hollywood Report (4501630) **1.55** Videofashion (7477901) **2.25** Transworld Sport (2085494) **3.25** Music Box (3373307) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (56061) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (46581) **9.30** Ysgolion (949055) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (39245) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (84239) **1.00** Take Five (68448) **1.30** A Different World (67683606) **1.55** Film: My Cousin Racheal (49555023) **3.40** The Oprah Winfrey Show (7318968) **4.30** Press Gang (852) **5.00** Fifteen to One (3852) **5.30** Brookside (332) **6.00** News (891210) **6.10** Hero (159806) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8516) **7.30** Taith Y Llewod '93 (581) **8.00** Y Bit A'r Beaws (5264) **8.30** News (454061) **8.55** The Crystal Maze (950887) **9.55** Film: Angel (284974) **11.35** People First (629177) **12.05** The Jazz Package (1005036) **12.35** Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.40 Children's programmes **4.00** World Cup Football — Live (37658609) **6.30** Home and Away (84944784) **6.55** News (41445500) **7.00** Wanted: Dead or Alive (86002516) **7.30** Coronation Street (93551871) **8.00** News (94756910) **8.05** Blackboard Jungle (93864429) **8.30** JMTV Bites Back (86927871) **9.00** Murphy Brown (79835581) **9.30** News (16171887) **9.35** World Cup Football (49872719) **10.30** News (32851671) **10.50** Electric Ballroom (17349158) **11.20** Oireachtas Report (73167429) **11.40** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (20517577) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4102974) **9.10** Cartoons (2857413) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (21513) **10.00** Card Sharks (7094326) **10.25** Concentration (7806603) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (1654516) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (39239) **11.30** Falcon Crest (75603) **12.30pm** E Street (13719) **1.00** Another World (9201264) **1.45** Three's Company (930429) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (601790) **3.15** Different Strokes (944622) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8893784) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4177) **6.00** Games World (1719) **6.30** E Street (2871) **7.00** Rescue (5806) **7.30** Full House (8055) **8.00** Hunter (44603) **9.00** LA Law (68239) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (61326) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (90429) **12.00** Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (94852) **6.30** News and Business Report (629500) **9.30** ABC Nightline (97535) **10.30** Fashion TV (73413) **11.30** Business Report (73245) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (57429) **1.30** Good Morning America (58158) **2.30** *Parliament Live* (39582) **3.30** Parliament Live (50041) **4.30** News and Business Report (5968) **5.00** Live at Five (78697) **6.30** News and Business Report (83061) **7.30** Fashion TV (6897) **10.30** Nightline (94616) **11.30** ABC News (84697) **12.30am** Fashion TV (37307) **1.30** ABC News (92727) **2.30** Those Were The Days (26052) **3.30** ABC News (15017) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (32633) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (20307)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (8019622)
10.00 Lonely in America (1990): An Indian from New Delhi arrives in New York (17535)
12.00 Mara of the Wilderness (1965): A young girl is raised by wolves (85055)
2.00pm The Angel Levine (1970): Harry Belafonte is guardian angel to Jewish tailor Zero Mostel (58808)
4.00 Mosquito Squadron (1968): Second world war action with David McCallum (6581)
6.00 Lonely in America (as 10am) (65142)
8.00 The Package (1989): Gene Hackman escorts prisoner Tommy Lee Jones (40887)
10.00 976-Evil II (1991): Two teenagers try to stop a serial killer (988448)
11.35 Beneath the Valley of the Ultra Vixens (1979): Russ Meyer's satire (805577)
1.15am The Mafia Kid (1988): Brooklyn hood Sasha Mitchell dreams of becoming a boxing champion (189727)
2.55 The Decameron (1970): Bawdy medieval tales (57268185)
5.00 Abby My Love (1989): A teenage girl is haunted by her father's sexual abuse (3332748). Ends at 5.50

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Best Friends (1982): Marriage ruins the working relationship of Burt Reynolds and Goldie Hawn (36822)
8.00 Paternity (1981): Burt Reynolds hires Beverly D'Angelo to bear him a son (42239)
10.00 Sharky's Machine (1981): Vice cop Burt Reynolds falls for high-class prostitute Rachel Ward (99603). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Incredible Shrinking Woman (1981): Lily Tomlin shrinks to an inch (30852)
8.00 The Adventures of Milo and Otis (1989): Dudley Moore narrates the adventures of a cat and a dog (66974)
10.00 My Man Godfrey (1957): David Niven plays a tramp hired as a butler by an eccentric upper crust family. With June Allyson (10247245)
11.40 Tom Sawyer (1973): Musical version of Mark Twain's classic tale (71381871)
1.30pm Which Way Home (1991) Cybil Shepherd tries to smuggle orphans out of Cambodia (588448)
4.00 The Adventures of Milo and Otis (as 8am) (5121)
***6.00 Woman With a Past** (1992):* Wife and mother Pamela Reed is arrested for armed robbery (63784)
8.00 Don't Tell Her It's Me (1990): Shelley Long teaches brother Steve Guttenberg how to find true love (48429)
10.00 Soapdish (1991): Behind the scenes of a soap opera. With Sally Field (521697)
11.40 Columbo: No Time to Die (1991). Peter Falk investigates (545697)
1.15am Puppetmaster III: Toulon's Revenge (1991): Killer dolls fight the Nazis (6821272)
2.40 Why Me? (1990): Comedy about two jewel thieves (2645524)
4.10 Woman With a Past (as 6pm) (563889). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (18559) **7.00** Kickboxing '93 (66644) **8.00** World Team Pool (16103) **9.00** Prime Bodies (49245) **9.30** Motor World (76887) **10.00** US Open Golf — A Recent History 1991 (33158) **11.00** The Footballers' Football Show (46622) **12.00** Kickboxing '93 (86210) **1.00pm** Manchester Open Tennis (9528808) **5.00** Wrestling — King of the Ring (935402) **8.00** US Open Golf — A Recent History 1992 (86603) **9.00** Ringside (89780) **11.00** Manchester Open Tennis (27326) **1.00-2.00am** US Open Golf — A Recent History 1992 (49433)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (59142) **8.00** IAAF Athletics (94061) **9.00** Motorcycling German Grand Prix (26326) **11.00** Eurogoals (31790) **12.00** Football: America Cup — Ecuador v Venezuela (29413) **2.00pm** ATP Tennis (274413) **5.00** Cycling (1245) **6.00** DTM German Touring Cars (6041) **6.30** News (7351) **7.00** Football: America Cup — Ecuador v Venezuela (50871) **9.00** Motor Racing Canadian Grand Prix (91535) **10.00** Football: America Cup — Uruguay v USA (57603) **12.00-12.30am** News (41814)

UK GOLD
7.00am Jem (3130264) **7.30** Neighbours (3046871) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4275429) **8.30** EastEnders (4194500) **9.00** The Bill (4185852) **9.30** Moon and Son (9205974) **10.30** Big Deal (1391429) **11.30** Happy Ever After (8054559) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4278516) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6101887) **1.00** EastEnders (3139535) **1.30** The Bill (6100158) **2.00** It Ain't Half Hot Mum (4971061) **2.30** Rings on Their Fingers (7600535) **3.00** Dallas (4454595) **4.00** Dynasty (4258992) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4899413) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7604351) **6.00** Neighbours (7601284) **6.30** Moon and Son (6235158) **7.30** It Ain't Half Hot Mum (7518500) **8.00** EastEnders (4995697) **8.30** Rings on Their Fingers (4970332) **9.00** Big Deal (8646581) **10.00** The Bill (4279245) **10.30** Lazarus and Dingwall (4268993) **11.00** Till Death Us Do Part (3808451) **11.30** Dr Who (2463500) **12.00-1.50am** Film: Bringing Up Baby (1938, b/w) with Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant (37323340)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (44351) **7.00** RatKan II (20239) **9.00** Jack in the Box (78332) **11.00** Stories without Words (91061) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (92790) **12.00** Secret Valley (26213) **1.00** Jack in the Box (17158) **2.00** Stories without Words (6332) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (5332) **3.00** Bobobobs (3621516) **3.25** RatKan II (39859351) **5.00** Katts and Dog (47841) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (6448) **6.00** Fame (20622)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Jewish Enigma — The Waiting People
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Stewart Collins presents music, news and weather, including Delius (A Song before Sunrise: Northern Sinfonia of England under Richard Hickox); Haydn (Symphony No 86 in D: Orchestra of the 18th-Century under Frans Brüggen); Lambert (The Rio Grande: Jack Gibbons, piano; English Northern Philharmonia under David Lloyd-Jones); Granados (Los requiebros, Goyescas: Maria Garzon, piano)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Grieg. Robert Layton introduces Forarsregn, Spring Rain, Op 46 No 6; Violin Sonata No 3 in C minor; Slatter, Op 72; Psalms, Op 74 Nos 1 and 2
10.00 Midweek Choice, presented by Susan Sharpe. Schubert (Klavierstück, D946 No 1); Pachelbel (Canon in D); Haydn (Te Deum in C, H XXIIIc 2); Poulenc (Oboe Sonata); Schubert (Klavierstück, D946 No 2); Kalinnikov (Symphony No 2 in A); Yradier (La Calesera); Schubert (Klavierstück, D946 No 3); Adam (Giselle, Act 1 — opening section)
12.00 Poet and Purist: In the first of seven programmes, Jonathan Swain traces the development of the symphony and symphonic poem. Schumann (Symphony No 4 in D minor); Liszt (Ce qu'on entend sur la montagne) (r) **1.00pm News**
1.05 Concert Hall: Live from Broadcasting House, London, Susan Tomes, piano, performs Mozart (Piano Sonata in B flat, K570); Debussy (Les fées sont d'exquises danseuses; Ondine; La terrasse des audiences du clair de lune; Général Lavine — eccentric; Feux d'artifice, Préludes, Bkll); Brahms (Four Pieces, Op 119)
2.00 Record Review: Building a Library. Including a review by Lionel Salter of Scarlatti's Sonatas (r)
3.30 Old Czech Masters: Martinů Quartet performs Krommer (String Quartet in E flat, Op 5 No 1); Ryba (String Quartet in D minor)
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from Ripon Cathedral
5.00 In Tune: Jeremy Nicholas presents music, news and arts reports
7.30 BBC Welsh SO under Grant Llewellyn, with Della Jones, mezzo, performs Falla (El amor brujo); Falla, orch Halffter (Seven Popular Songs); Chávez (Symphony No 4, Sinfonía romántica); Jerold James Gordon (Calaveras)
9.05 In a Word: Jeremy J. Beadle looks at Expressionism
9.25 Liszt: Artur Pizarro performs Piano Sonata in B minor
10.00 BBC Singers under Bo Holten perform Bo Holten (Night); Mogens Pederson (Ad te levavi oculos meos; Deus misereatur); Sven-David Sandstrom (Es ist genug); Anon (In laudem regii fontis); Poul Ruders (Herr, neyge deine Ohren)
10.45 Night Waves: Frank Whitford *reviews the Pissarro exhibition* at the Royal Academy and visits the New Tate at St Ives
11.30 Beethoven: Gyorgy Pauk, violin, Ralph Kirshbaum, cello, and Peter Frankl, piano, perform Cello Sonata in C, Op 102 No 1; Violin Sonata in G, Op 96 **12.30-12.35am News**
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with Libby Purves and birthday guest the actress Phyllida Law
10.00-10.30 This Island Now (FM only): The Allotment. See Choice
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Exodus. Read by David Kossoff (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: The poet and author Maya Angelou talks to Jenni Murray. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: Members and friends of the Museum of Garden History, London, put their questions to Dr Stefan Buczacki; Bridget Moody and Fred Downham. With Clay Jones in the chair (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours.
12.25pm The False Inspector Dew: Fourth of a five-part dramatisation of Peter Lovesey's novel. With Ronald Pickup as Walter and Oona Beeson as Alma **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Wild Hops: Tempers rise and tragedy looms in the final episode of a four-part drama by Sally Worboyes. Starring George Innes as Jack, Ellie Haddington as Laura, Alan Devereux as Robert, Patricia Gallimore as Marjorie and Liz Smith as Liz
2.47 Treasure Islands: Michael Rosen and Chris Powling choose new paperbacks for all ages (r)
3.00 News; File on 4 (r)
3.42 The Parts: Alun Lewis looks at new ways of building and repairing roads
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reports on Radio 4's new series, *Saturday Night at the Movies*; reviews this week's cinema releases; and celebrates ten years of the Film and Television Museum at Bradford
4.45 Short Story: The Guitar and Other Animals, by Geoff Nicholson. Read by Sunny Ormonde
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Brain of Britain 1993: Round One — North of England (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates
7.45 Medicine Now, presented by Geoff Watts (r)
8.15 Midwives — First Class Deliveries: Jane Grayshon talks to four midwives about their profession
8.45 Reith Lecture Interview: See Choice
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White
9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Witchbroom. Written and read by Lawrence Scott (3/8)
11.00 In the Company Archives: Nigel Farrell delves into Britain's corporate past, uncovering advice to employees working abroad and material on East Anglian farmworkers (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, *incl* **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

Reith Lecture Interview. *Radio 4, 8.45pm.*
Idealists in ivory towers get the sharp edge of Edward Said's tongue during the coming weeks. Said is this year's Reith lecturer. He is professor of English and comparative literature at Columbia University, and he delivers his first lecture next Wednesday night, on Radio 4. Tonight's interview with Said, by James Naughtie, is by way of being an appetiser. Here is an example of his thinking on intellectuals: "They are not there to make their audiences feel good. The whole point is to be embarrassing, contrary, even unpleasant."

This Island Now: The Allotment. *Radio 4, 10.00am (FM only).*
Talk about Shakespeare's blessed plot and this England! The allotment near Halifax that Ray Gosling visits is worked by a company of Italians, Serbs, Ukrainians, West Indians, the Welsh, and the regulation Yorkshireman or two. "It's the United Nations on one sod", Gosling exclaims. In a county where, according to Gosling, the word "moderate" passes for complimentary hyperbole, it is strange to hear him going on about council allotments being "the common people's Arcadia". **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Gary Davies in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** The Steve Edwards Soul Show **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** Womenfolk: featuring The Judy Dunlop Band (2/5) **8.30** Gerry Anderson's Ireland (2/6) **9.00** Norma Waterson's Gypsy Music (2/4) **9.30** Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00am** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 6.00am** World Service. Newshour **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Topic Resources 7-9; **9.15** Dance Workshop; **9.35** Verse Universe; **9.45** Time and Tune; **10.05** Drama Workshop **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Education Matters **1.00** News and Sport **1.10** Royal Ascot. Including at **2.30** Jersey Stakes; **3.05** Queen Mary Stakes; **3.45** Coronation Stakes; **4.20** Royal Hunt Cup **5.00** Five Aside **6.30** Box 13 **7.15** Finders Keepers **7.30** Ian Chappell's Cricket Night **10.10** Hit the North **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

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World of motor racing pays tribute to champion Hunt


Hunt: champion in 1976

BRITAIN'S world motor racing champions paid tribute to James Hunt last night. Hunt, who won the Formula One drivers' title in 1976, died of a heart attack at his Wimbledon home, aged 45. He was the last British champion before Nigel Mansell.

Mansell said: "The sad news of the loss of James Hunt has come as a terrible shock to me. He was a fantastic character and he will be a great loss to the world of motor sport."

Hunt was Britain's sixth world champion after Mike Hawthorn, Graham Hill, Jim Clark, John Surtees and Jackie Stewart. Yet it was Stirling Moss, who never won the title, who was Hunt's most notable predecessor as a national motor racing hero. He said: "I'm just staggered. I saw him not too long ago and he was exceptionally fit. He had given up smoking, given up drinking — he was riding a bicycle and training. I think it is an enormous loss to motor racing."

Stewart, world champion in 1969, 1971 and 1973, said. "He was an exciting driver with a lot of nerve. One of the great things for me about him has been the way he lived his life his way. He was very unconventional in many respects. James would go to functions without shoes and sometimes in T-shirts and even shorts. He was his own man."

McLaren International, the racing team for whom Hunt drove from 1976 to 1978, said in a statement: "For 20 years he has been a great ambassador for British motor racing. He was a gentleman, a loveable eccentric, and a great champion."

A stockbroker's son, educated at Wellington College, Hunt took odd jobs varying from hospital porter to ice cream salesman to pay for motor racing instruction at

Adrian Holloway looks at the colourful career of one of Britain's best loved grand prix drivers

Brands Hatch. His obsession with racing cars had been fuelled on his eighteenth birthday when a friend took him to Silverstone.

Hunt raced for six years on the top circuit, earning ten victories and 14 pole positions in 92 starts, yet in his early days, he made a name for himself only by virtue of his frequent accidents in Formula Three. Nevertheless the flamboyant Lord Hesketh brought Hunt into Formula One where he made his debut driving a March Ford in 1973.

"It is no exaggeration to say that I am absolutely shattered and devastated about it," Hesketh, government chief whip in the House of Lords, said yesterday. "I would look at myself and then at him and he seemed so fit. He was coming to stay with me for the British Grand Prix in three weeks time.

"We started off together when I met him in Belgium at a non-existent race track. He was known as 'Hunt the Shunt', and no-one would hire him. A few months later we were in Formula Two and three months after that in Formula One."

Hesketh introduced his own car the following year, and Hunt drove the Ford to his first victory in 1975 at the Dutch Grand Prix at Zandvoort. When the team folded at the end of the season, Hunt went to McLaren where he replaced Emerson Fittipaldi as team leader. Hunt won the championship the following year in a season which will always be remembered for a horrific accident which almost claimed the life of the Austrian driver, Niki Lauda, who led Hunt by 35 points at the time of his accident at Nurburgring, Germany.

Badly burnt by flames, Lauda astonished commentators by returning to the circuit six weeks after the crash, but Hunt took the title in Japan in the final race of the season, finishing one point ahead of Lauda to take the championship back to Britain.

Hunt was never to repeat his success and after two further years with McLaren, in which he won only three more races, he began to feel that the cars were relying more on modern technology than the skill of the driver. It was a theme he continued to pursue until his death yesterday. He drove for half a season with the Wolf team in 1979 before announcing his retirement.

After turning down a $1 million offer to return to racing in 1980, Hunt began a successful career as a BBC commentator. A perfect foil for the effervescent Murray Walker, Hunt, with a deadpan manner, soon established his reputation as an accomplished broadcaster.

Jonathan Martin, head of BBC Television Sport, said: "He brought both wit and freshness to his reporting of grand prix racing. He was an effortless communicator, with that rare knack of being able to pass on to the viewer his first-hand knowledge."

Hunt is survived by two children, Tom, seven, and Freddie, five, both from his marriage to second wife, Sarah.

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Agassi off colour on comeback

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE IN HALLE, GERMANY

THE organisers had done their best to evoke the spirit of Wimbledon. The new grass courts had been prepared by the former Wimbledon groundsman, the ball boys were resplendent in green and purple, the umpires wore green jackets.

Only the Wimbledon champion, bought in for a fee of £200,000 to lend authenticity to the first year of the Gerry Weber Open in Halle, proved bogus. Gone was the baseball cap and the exuberance, the inspirational timing and the instant reflexes. Agassi was subdued in colour and mood, unveiling an abbreviated service action rather than any brash new line in dress and wearing strapping on both wrist and elbow for protection.

Playing his first match in just over two months after an injury to his right wrist, Agassi lost in three sets to Carl-Uwe Steeb, which is hardly a good advertisement for his chances of retaining his Wimbledon title. But at least he survived the ordeal and, barring adverse reaction from wrist or elbow over the next few days, will be able to take his place as defending champion on centre court on Monday.

"I was prepared to play Wimbledon in a cast because you might get a chance to defend the title just once in a lifetime," Agassi said. "But if I'd had an incredible amount of pain playing today, I would have had a tough decision to make. The wrist didn't bother me and, though I need more matches, another week's practice and things might come together. Anything can happen. I might even win it again."

Such talk would have been dismissed as pure fancy had it come from the mouth of anyone other than the Las Vegan, who proved in winning the title in only his fourteenth match on grass that he does not follow the same learning curve as others or need the same amount of time to adapt. Despite his defeat yesterday, Agassi has enjoyed one more match in preparation than he had last year. The difference this time is that Agassi is desperately short of matchplay.

"Physically, I'm in great shape. The problem is getting used to the mental energy required in a match. It's emotionally very discouraging to be competing in front of 10,000 people and know you're not at your best," Agassi said.

Steeb is no grass-court specialist. He has reached the second round of Wimbledon just once in five years. But the German did not have to push very hard to knock Agassi off balance and, once tottering, the American quickly lost all his bearings. Only briefly, in the first set, did Agassi give any glimpse of the joy or power with which he had destroyed Boris Becker, John McEnroe and Goran Ivanisevic on the centre court last year.

He began with two aces in three points from a half-cock service action, modified in part to ease the stress on his arm and wrist, and his forehand seemed in good working order for the first half an hour. But by the end of his 5-7, 6-2, 6-1 defeat in 93 minutes, completed with another dreadful mishit, most parts of his game had been corroded by rust and self-doubt. None more so the Jo Durie-like service.

After taking the first set with two breaks in 39 minutes, Agassi held his service just three times in eight games, a spate of double faults balancing the early aces and emphasising the dangers of tinkering with the basics.

"I was surprised to see the change," Steeb said. "It gave me confidence, knowing that he would be using it for the first time."

Steeb was not reading too much into his defeat of the Wimbledon champion. "The way he plays on grass, his timing needs to be good and he has to have confidence. In a couple of matches, he will be there." Agassi will hope yesterday was not a bad omen.

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FRANZ PETER TSCHAUNER


Tough going: Agassi, in his first match for two months, on the way to defeat in three sets against Steeb yesterday

Lord's put third umpire to the test

CHRIS Balderstone will create cricket history at Lord's tomorrow when he becomes the first umpire to sit in judgment during a Test match in England.

After weeks of deliberation and three domestic trials, a third umpire — making decisions from the stand after studying television replays — will officiate for the remainder of the Ashes series.

A similar system has worked successfully in South Africa and New Zealand, but the Test and County Cricket Board's (TCCB) version is different in two key respects.

The three officials will make contact via two-way radios, with the men in the middle physically giving the final decision. Elsewhere, a batsman has learned his fate by seeing a red or green light. At Lord's this week and for the rest of the series, the third man will be able to intervene if he sees something that those in the middle may not have seen.

The extra official can provide assistance only with run-out, stumping and hit wicket decisions. David Shepherd and Mervyn Kitchen will indicate that they are calling for help by making the sign of a square with both hands.

After studying replays, Balderstone will relay his verdict to the men in the middle.

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Sugar issues renewed warning

BY JOHN GOODBODY

ALAN Sugar, the chairman of Tottenham Hotspur, yesterday said that further allegations could be made public if Terry Venables does not give up his legal fight for reinstatement as chief executive of the Premier League club.

Sugar emphasised that Venables was "finished" at White Hart Lane, although there is a commitment given by Sugar's counsel in court that he would not try to remove Venables as a director.

Speaking the day after the High Court decided to discharge the injunction on Venables being dismissed from his £225,000-a-year job, Sugar said that there were "very good reasons why Venables has been asked to leave the club. Fortunately we did not mention all of those in court and we will not mention them. However, supporters should trust in us that there were good reasons why we want him to go".

However, it is possible these allegations may come out in the companies court action, when Venables will seek the right to buy out Sugar's 48 per cent shareholding in Tottenham Hotspur plc. The case, expected to take at least a month, will come for hearing as soon as possible after October 11 and is likely to cost Venables about £500,000.

The former Tottenham and England player, who linked with Sugar in 1991 to buy the club, remains confident that he has the necessary backing not only to meet those legal costs, plus an appeal, but also for the £15.5 million to make a cash offer for all the shares.

Sugar, who is also chairman of Amstrad, the computer company, stressed that he had made Venables a "generous" offer for the shares. "It would have been enough to have paid off his borrowings and leave him with an amount of money," Sugar said.

"He could have made a dignified departure. But he chose to turn it down. His words to me were: 'I have a death wish. I will fight you to the bitter end.'"

Sugar said that only Neil Ruddock and Nick Barmby had asked for a transfer but insisted they were not for sale.

Venables urged players and supporters not to desert the club. "I have still got 23 per cent of the shares so I am hoping they will perform well. I would say to the supporters, go and support the team. I want the players to play to the best of their ability because I will get a lot of satisfaction even if I am not there."

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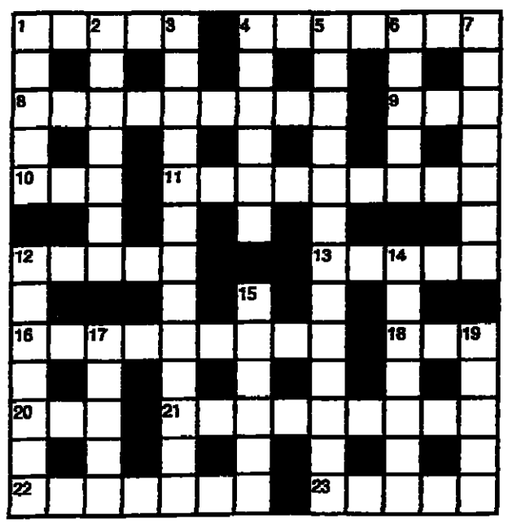
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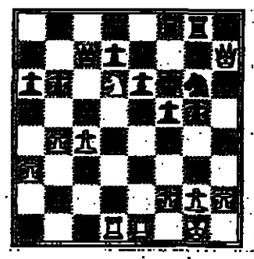
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By Philip Howard

SLAVA
a. Serbo-Croat name day
b. Scarlet Ceanothus
c. A female slave

PONOR
a. A shaft in the ground
b. Fool's gold
c. The Indonesian panda

MIR
a. One of the Norns
b. A fine carpet
c. A Bulgarian coin

COSCOROBA
a. An emetic fruit
b. A dancing girl
c. A small swan

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